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Marriages.

CLOUTING—TAYLOR.—March 8, at the residence of the bride's parents, Bowthorne, Smith-street, Balmain, by the uncles of the bride, Revs. E. King and J. G. M. Taylor, Victor Clouting, of E. S. and A. Bank, city, only son of Mr. J. R. Clouting, of North Sydney, to Mildred Ruth, only daughter of Mr. C. A. Taylor.

Deaths.

BARRY.—At the residence of her aunt, Miss Cunningham, 209 Macquarie-street, Mary Elizabeth (Bessie) Barry, daughter of the late John Barry, of Mudgee, after a few days' illness. May she rest in peace.

CRAWFORD.—March 27, Robert Crawford, aged 58 years, late of No. 8 Elizabeth-street, Waterloo, from failure of heart's action.

MACNAMARA.—March 30, at Coolgardie, of heart disease, Sara, wife of John Macnamara, J.P., late of Brisbane and Sydney.

MECHAM.—February 18 last, at Avonmange, Hamilton, N.B., from pneumonia, Colonel John Russell Mecham, commanding 26th and 71st regimental districts, and lately commanding the 2nd Battalion, "The Cameronians" (Scotch Rifles), aged 54; youngest son of late Captain Mecham, 3rd Dragoon Guards.

SELLARS.—March 30, suddenly, at the Post-office, Redfern, Elizabeth Sellars, aged 68 years.

WARBY.—March 30, at his residence, Mosbery Cottage, Campbelltown, suddenly, Joseph Warby, aged 80 years.

WAUGH.—March 30, at Broughton Park, Leichhardt, Jean Hannah, the dearly-loved infant daughter of William A. and H. M. Waugh, of Till Till station, Balranald, aged 2 months.

In Memoriam.

BURKE.—In sacred remembrance of Sarah, the beloved wife of F. C. Burke, who departed this life at Annandale, Good Friday, 1898. Requiem aeternam, dona ei, Domine. Inserto apud sa tristis filii.

CHAPMAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, A. W. Chapman, who died 31st March, 1892. Inserted by his affectionate wife.

CHAPMAN.—In affectionate remembrance of our devoted father, A. W. Chapman, who died 31st March, 1892. Inserted by his loving daughters, C. Mather and A. Ireland.

CHAPMAN.—In loving remembrance of A. W. Chapman, who died March 31st, 1892. R.I.P. Inserted by son, W. G. C.

FAREBROTHER.—In sad but loving remembrance of the late Ferdinand William Farebrother, who departed this life 31st March, 1897. Flowers fade, but memory never. Inserted by his affectionate wife and children. Home papers please copy.

FISCHER.—A tribute of loving remembrance to my dear and only brother, H. J. Fischer, who was drowned at Bondi on Good Friday, 1890. G. Smith, Standard Hotel, Cooper-street, S. H.

HAYES.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brother, Thomas Hayes, who died March 31st, 1897, at Mitchell-road, Alexandria. May he rest in peace. Inserted by his sorrowing sisters.

O'MALEY.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, William Henry, who departed this life 31st March, 1896, at Bucknell-street, Newtown. Inserted by his loving brothers and sisters. R.I.P.

PIPER.—Sacred to the memory of my dear husband, Henry Piper, who departed this life March 31st, 1888, at his residence, 64 Harris-street, Pyrmont. "Though lost to sight, to memory ever dear." Inserted by his loving wife and family.

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Day.	Date.	From Sydney Nightly.	From Newcastle Nightly.
Fri.	March 31	Newcastle at 11.30	Namoi at 11.30
Sat.	April 1	Namoi at 11.30	Newcastle at 11.30
Sun.	April 2		Sydney at 11
Mon.	April 3	Newcastle and Sydney at 11.30	Namoi at 11.30

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THE SALOON STEAMERS of the PORT JACKSON C. S.S. CO., Limited, will run as follows:—
GOOD FRIDAY and SATURDAY,
31st March and 1st April,
AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.
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From Manly ... First Steamer, 7.15 a.m. Last Steamer, 11.15 p.m.
SUNDAY, 2nd April,
AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.
From Circular Quay ... First Steamer, 8.30 a.m. Last Steamer, 10.15 p.m.
From Manly ... First Steamer, 8.30 a.m. Last Steamer, 10.15 p.m.
MONDAY, 3rd April,
AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.
From Circular Quay ... First Steamer, 7.15 a.m. Last Steamer, 11.30 p.m.
From Manly ... First Steamer, 7.15 a.m. Last Steamer, 11.15 p.m.
The whole of the Company's Fleet of First-class Saloon Steamers will be in commission, and ply at short intervals all day and evening, on the above dates.
RETURN FARES TO SUIT THE TIMES, viz.:—
ADULTS 6d
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Circular Quay, Sydney, 29th March, 1899.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.
BALMORAL BEACH, CLONTARF, MIDDLE HEAD ENCAMPMENT.—TO-DAY (GOOD FRIDAY). New Saloon Steamer BRONZEWING and BIRKENHEAD leave No. 4 Jetty, Circular Quay, at 10.30, 2.30, 3, and 7.45 p.m. Afternoon and Evening Trips, with Band and Concert on board, to Head of Middle Harbour. Dancing at Clontarf. Hot and cold water free. Refreshments and Luncheon at Clontarf. RETURN FARE, 6d; Children, 3d. For Saturday, Sunday, and Monday trips see tomorrow's papers.
W. GRANT.

GOOD FRIDAY.
ENCAMPMENT at CLONTARF, MIDDLE HARBOUR. BIRKENHEAD will leave Leichhardt at 1.30, calling at Drummoyne and West Balmain Wharfs, Darling-street, 2.30; Circular Quay at 3 p.m.

PARRAMATTA RIVER STEAMERS and TRAMWAY CO., Limited.
All Steamers to and from King-street Wharf (terminus of Ocean-street Cable Tram).
GOOD FRIDAY.
Steamers leave Sydney for—
Longnose, Cockatoo, Drummoyne, Hunter's Hill, and Villa Maria—7, 8, 9, 9.30, 10, and 11 a.m.; 12 noon, 1, 2, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 7, 8, 9.15, 10.30, and 11.15 p.m. Chiswick, Blandville, Abbotsford, and Gladesville—7, 8, 9.30, 10, and 11 a.m.; 12 noon, 1, 2, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 7, 8, 9, 9.15, 10.30, and 11.15 p.m.
Tennyson, Cabarita, Putney, Mortlake, Walker Hospital, and Ryde—7, 9, 10, 11 a.m.; 12 noon; 1, 2, 3, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 8, 10.30, 11.15 p.m.
Dundas, Ermington, Newington, and Parramatta—7, 9, 11, a.m.; 1, 3, 5.15 p.m.

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S.S. HAWKES BAY,
from New York.
CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for MOORE'S WHARF.
The Steamer will not be responsible for any loss or damage to cargo after the same has been landed, and any goods impeding discharge will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense without further notice.
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Calls and Dividends on Shares

THE WYALONG CURRAJONG GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
ALL SHARES in ARREAR of the 8th CALL in the above Company, as under, will be SOLD by Public Auction at the Registered Office of the Company, West Wyalong, at 4 o'clock on SATURDAY, the 8th April, 1899, unless the said calls are previously paid.
8001 to 9000, 9601 to 10,000, 12,001 to 12,500, 13,875 to 14,000, 15,591 to 16,000.
West Wyalong, FRED. DEMPSTER,
28th March, 1899. Secretary.

THE MOUNT APSLEY COPPER-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have this day made a CALL (the 11th) of One Penny per Share upon all Contributing Shares in the above Company, payable at the registered office of the Company, Union-chambers, Pitt-street, Sydney, on or before WEDNESDAY, the 12th April, 1899.
By order of the Board.
G. S. BUZACOTT, Secretary.
Sydney, 29th March, 1899.

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Public Notices.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION.
ANDERSON and CO.'S
BIG PRIZES FOR BIG PUMPKINS.
The following is the result of the competition:—
1st Prize £10, Mr. P. Gersbach, Macleay R., weight of pumpkin 140lb.
2nd Prize £5, Mr. H. H. Worboys, West Maitland, weight of pumpkin 121lb.
T. Sproull, Kiama, weight of pumpkin 115lb.
H. H. Honey ... ditto ditto 109lb.
T. Grunsell, Goulburn ... ditto ditto 88lb.
E. A. Sterland, Ryde ... ditto ditto 86lb.
A. M. White, Bolivia ... ditto ditto 85lb.
H. W. Hanson, Woodburn ditto ditto 72lb.
Eales Bros., Morpeth ... ditto ditto 67½lb.
Edwin Smith, Parramatta ditto ditto 68lb.
R. Greentree, Wilberforce ditto ditto 64lb.
V. F. Clothier, Moorbank ditto ditto 61½lb.
Edwin Smith, Parramatta ditto ditto 55lb.
Jas. Smith, Millthorpe ... ditto ditto 52½lb.
MAMMOTH LONG RED MANGEL WURZELS.
1st Prize £3, Eales Bros., Morpeth, weight of mangel 27lb.
2nd Prize £2, Mr. P. Gersbach, Macleay R. ... ditto 20lb.
H. Worboys, West Maitland ... ditto 19lb.
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ELECTION OF WARDENS OF THE MARINE BOARD OF NEW SOUTH WALES UNDER THE NAVIGATION ACTS, 1871-1881.
I hereby give NOTICE that the undermentioned persons have been NOMINATED as Candidates for Election to the Office of Warden of the Marine Board of New South Wales at the ensuing election to be held at the Merchants' Exchange, Bridge-street, Sydney, on MONDAY, the 3rd day of April next:—
GEORGE JOHN ROBERTSON, Shipowner, Woolwich, Lane Cove River. Nominated by John Anderson, shipowner, Newcastle, N.S.W., and Allen Taylor, shipowner, Annandale.
JOHN BROOMFIELD, Shipowner, Darling-street, Balmain. Nominated by B. Byrnes, Liverpool-street; A. Hoesh, Northwood, Lane Cove; B. M. Corrigan, Waverley.
ARCHIBALD M'LEAN, Shipowner, Hunter's Hill, near Sydney. Nominated by Thomas Cowlishaw, shipowner, 3 Margaret-place; William Brown, shipowner, Bridge-street; John J. Amess, shipowner, 95 Sussex-street; Frederick Waley, shipowner, 63 Bridge-street.
BENJAMIN JENKINS, Shipowner, Napier-street, North Sydney. Nominated by Charles George Warburton, shipowner, East Esplanade, Manly; Alfred Langley, shipowner, Balmain; B. M. Corrigan, shipowner, Waverley; Lewis James Davies, Double Bay.
F. BUCKLE, Returning Officer.
Merchants' Exchange, Bridge-street, 29th March, 1899. (2a11)

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TO the SHIPOWNERS of NEW SOUTH WALES.—As my term of office as Elected Warden of the Marine Board will expire in April next, I beg respectfully to inform you that I am a CANDIDATE for re-election.
Faithfully yours,
JOHN BROOMFIELD.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
To Country Storekeepers, Glass and China Dealers, and the Trade Generally.
Inspect our Exhibit of
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INSURANCE COMPANIES.
EASTER HOLIDAYS.
The OFFICES of all Fire and Marine Insurance Companies in the undermentioned Associations will be CLOSED during the Easter Holidays from FRIDAY, March 31st, till MONDAY, 3rd April, both days inclusive.
Sydney Marine Underwriters and Salvage Association, Limited.
Fire Underwriters' Association of N.S.W.
J. E. WOODTHORPE, Secretary.

THE VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY, Limited.
Offices: 83 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY.
NOTICE.
The OFFICES of the above Company will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, being 31st March and 1st and 3rd April, for the Easter Holidays.
FREDK. J. JACKSON, Resident Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
The BUSINESS of the late A. MACKINLAY, Solicitor, of 78 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, having been taken over by H. J. ASPINALL, Solicitor, of Nos. 1, 3, and 5, St. JAMES' CHAMBERS, KING and MACQUARIE STREETS, Sydney, all DEEDS and DOCUMENTS held by the late Mr. Mackinlay in connection with his business are NOW IN Mr. H. J. ASPINALL'S POSSESSION AT HIS ABOVE ADDRESS.

NATIONAL ART GALLERY OF N.S.W.
NOTICE OF CLOSING.
On GOOD FRIDAY this Institution will be CLOSED.
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LEGAL.—EASTER HOLIDAYS.—Our OFFICES will be CLOSED until TUESDAY MORNING NEXT, at 9 o'clock. JONES and JONES, Solicitors, 38 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

NOTICE.—Turner and Henderson, Booksellers, Stationers, and Printers, will be Closed Sat., April 1.

WATCHES Cleaned and Regulated, 2s 6d; Best English Mainsprings, 2s 6d; Cylinders, 3s 6d; Staffs, 4s. All work done by members of the firm, and guaranteed 12 months. Watch and Jewellery Repairs forwarded by post receive special attention. NOLAN, TIME, and CO., 702 George-street, 5 doors below Goulburn-street, Haymarket.

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I SHALL be in my office till 12 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY. F. H. Molesworth, 5 Moore-st.

TICKETS.—Melb., Adelaide, Brisbane, sell, cheap. Open Saturday. Tutton, 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.

Meetings.

COLONISTS' ANTI-CONVENTION BILL LEAGUE.
MASS MEETING of the Citizens of
NEWCASTLE
will be held in Hunter-street, Newcastle, on
SATURDAY, 1st April, at 8 p.m.,
to uphold the action of the Legislative Council in the present Federal crisis.
Addresses will be delivered from Hotel Balcony by W. A. HOLMAN, Esq., M.L.A., Rev. T. E. ASH, B.A., S. A. ROSA, Esq., and others.

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Legal Notices.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.—In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.—In Bankruptcy, No. 12,981. Re JAMES HENDERSON, Junior, of 705 George-street, Sydney, Confectioner. To the Official Assignee and Creditors. TAKE NOTICE that JAMES HENDERSON, Junior, intends to apply to his Honor the Judge in Bankruptcy at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the twenty-fifth day of April, 1899, at 11 a.m., or as soon afterwards as the course of business will admit, that a Certificate of Discharge be granted to him under and according to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act, 1898. Dated this 30th day of March, 1899. MACNAMARA and SMITH, Solicitors for the Bankrupt, George and Jamieson streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN LIDDY, late of 118 Palmer-street, Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Vanman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Accounts of DAVID BROWN and THOMAS CUSACK, the Executors in the above Estate, have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the first day of May, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Executors. Dated this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year 1899. For the Registrar, R. C. MONDAY (n.s.), Deputy Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOSEPH CROFT, late of Darlington, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ANNE CROFT, a daughter of the said deceased. And all Creditors of the said deceased are hereby required to send in forthwith notice of their claims to the undersigned. Dated this thirtieth day of March, A.D. 1899. J. STUART THOM, Proctor for the Applicant, Athenaeum-chambers, 11 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JANE CALVERT, formerly of Kensington-road, South Yarra, in the colony of Victoria, but late of Number 58 Kensington Palace Mansions, in the county of Middlesex, England, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the Probate granted in Victoria in respect of the above Estate may be sealed with the seal of this Court. ALLEN, ALLEN, and HEMSLEY, Proctors, the Equitable-building, George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of KATHERINE BASSETT (Wife of WILLIAM THOMAS BASSETT), late of No. 38 Holland Villas-road, Kensington, in the county of Middlesex, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the exemplification of Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased, granted by her Majesty's High Court of Justice in respect of the above Estate, may be Sealed with the Seal of this Court. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of BENJAMIN WENTWORTH DARLEY, late of No. 6 Brunswick-terrace, Hove, in the county of Sussex, England, Bachelor, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the exemplification of Letters of Administration de bonis non granted by her Majesty's High Court of Justice in respect of the above Estate may be Sealed with the Seal of this Court. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of EDITH MARY DARLEY, late of 53 Augusta Gardens, Folkestone, in the county of Kent, England, Spinster, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that the exemplification of Letters of Administration de bonis non granted by her Majesty's High Court of Justice in respect of the above Estate may be Sealed with the Seal of this Court. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN MATHER, late of Balmain, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Dredge Master, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOSEPH MATHER and ARTHUR MATHER, the Executors named in the said Will. Dated this thirtieth day of March, 1899. GILBERT CURTIS MURDOCH, Proctor for Executors, 165 Phillip-street, Sydney.

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Religious Announcements.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL. 11, preacher, the Archbishop; offertory for Australian Board of Missions. 3.15, the Precentor. 7.30, Bishop of Melanesia.

CHURCH OF S. AUGUSTINE, NEUTRAL BAY.
EASTER DAY.
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Matins.
11.30 a.m., Choral Eucharist.
7.30 p.m., Evensong.
8.30 p.m., Te Deum.
G. NORTH ASH, M.A., Rector.

S. JAMES' CHURCH, KING-STREET.
On
GOOD FRIDAY EVENING
The Rev. W. I. CARR SMITH
(who was present at the last representation of the Passion Play and has visited Jerusalem)
will conduct a SHORT SERVICE, illustrated by Limelight Scenes from the
PASSION PLAY and OTHER SACRED PICTURES.
Sacred Music will be sung by the Choir.
To Commence at 8.15 p.m.
A Collection. Young Children Not Admitted.

S. MARK'S, DARLING POINT.
Services, 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 5 p.m., and the
THREE HOURS' DEVOTION, 12 to 3.
This Service will be conducted by Rev. WILLOUGHBY FLOWER throughout. There will be various pauses, during which those who desire may enter or leave.

S. THOMAS, North Sydney.—GOOD FRIDAY.—Services 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 8 p.m. "The Crucifixion" Oratorio, with full Orchestra and Organ. EASTER DAY, 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 11.45, 3.15, 7.30 p.m.

S. LUKE'S, CONCORD.
TO-NIGHT, 7.45.
ORATORIO, "CRUCIFIXION."
Offertory in aid of Choir Funds.

ST. BARNABAS', George-st. West.—Good Friday, Services, 11 a.m. and 7.45 p.m. Passion music, evg. service.

THE WESLEYAN CHURCH, Lewisham (Boulevard).
GOOD FRIDAY.
ALL-DAY SERVICE.
Ministers taking part:
Revs. W. L. CLOSS, B.A., W. ALLEN, E. PRICE, M. REAVELY, W. ATKINSON, and F. DUESBURY.
Services: 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m. Lord's Supper at morning's service. Evangelistic Service at 8. Sankey's Hymns. Band Service open air at 7 p.m. Collection for the poor at 11 a.m., for the Evangelical Council at 8 p.m.

CENTENARY HALL, GOOD FRIDAY.
11 a.m.—Musical Service and Sermon.
7.30 p.m.—SPECIAL LANTERN SERVICE.
Splendid Pictures. Lenten Songs. Descriptions Lecture. Rev. W. G. TAYLOR. All Seats Free.

BOURKE-STREET WESLEYAN CHURCH.—TO-NIGHT, 8, "Our Lord's Passion," in Picture, Song, and Story. Powerful lantern. 100 rare views, illustrated sacred songs. Revs. Turner and M'Dade. 6d.

BOURKE-ST. Wesleyan Church, This (Good) Friday, 11, Rev. J. K. Turner. "Christ Died for our Sins."

ST. Patrick's, Easter Sunday.—Alexandre Guilmant's "Messe Solennelle" will be rendered by St. Patrick's Choir for the first time in Australia, under the direction of Mons. Aug. Wiegand, Organist and Choirmaster.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, Phillip-st.—Rev. John Ferguson, public worship this morning at 9.30.

S. PHILIP'S, Church-hill.—Morning, 11, Ven. Archdn. Langley; Evening, 7.30, Rev. J. G. Fenton.

CHATSWOOD Congregational Church, Good Friday.—Rev. J. Marshall Brown, at 11 a.m.

CROYDON Congregational Church.—Service This Morning, at 11, Rev. W. Mathison, B.A.

AT the PEOPLE'S HALL, 403 Sussex-street, near Goulburn-street.—GOOD FRIDAY, at 8, Special Evangelistic Addresses. EASTER SUNDAY, at 7.30, Address by Mr. G. E. Ardill on "The Resurrection."

RESCUE THE PERISHING, "Those for whom Christ Died."—The Sydney Rescue Work Society is in urgent need of Funds to sustain the aggressive work amongst Outcast Women and Neglected Children. One hundred (100) women and one hundred and thirty (130) children now sheltered in the Homes.
EASTER GIFTS gratefully acknowledged by G. E. Ardill, Director, Sydney Rescue Work Society, 376 Pitt-street.

SACRED, ELOCUTIONARY, and MUSICAL RECITAL (illustrated with 200 Magnificent Limelight Scenes). Y.M.C.A. HALL, Pitt-street, city, GOOD FRIDAY EVENING.
ALFRED FOSTER WATCHORN'S
26th RECITAL, entitled
SACRED SCENES, SONGS, and STORIES,
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GOOD FRIDAY.
DAVID JONES and COMPANY'S
ESTABLISHMENTS
CLOSED TO-DAY.
SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS
FOR VISITORS TO THE METROPOLIS
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The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
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Lost and Found.

GOOD REWARD.—Missing since Monday, dark Tabby CAT. Clifton, View-st., Woollahra.

LEFT on Mosman steamer, small BIBLE. Reward at Sydney wharf.

LEFT in George-st. 'bus by a poor woman, Purse, with 3 sovs., silver, and ring. Reward. Counter, Herald.

LOST, One Half of a Pair of Gold Eyeglasses. Reward. Meredith's, Pitt and Moore sts.

LOST, last week, Silver Lyre, engraved S. L.; reward. Apply, first instance, Reuben Wood, 297 George-st.

LOST, red GREYHOUND PUPPY (slut), black muzzle. Reward, Stuart Reid, 30 Brighton-st., Petersham.

LOST, bet. Showground and Redfern sta., Gold Brooch with diamond. Rew. Fairlawn, Trafalgar-st., St'more.

LOST, Gold Medallion BRACELET, with hair in centre. Reward 15s. W. Kerr, jeweller, 544 Geo.-st.

LOST, White COCKATOO, Thursday morning. Reward. Mrs. Copeland, Shadforth-st., Mosman's Bay.

LOST, Sat., bet. Alexandria and College-st., Brown Macint. Cape; rew. Mrs. Watson, Buckland-st., Alex.

LOST, CHEQUE, Dept. of Pub. Inst., payable to Mrs. Book, £10 16s 8d, paym. stpd. Book, Sum, Hill P. Sch.

LOST, Moore Park, small Gold CROSS. Reward, 23 Ostley-rd., Paddington.

LOST, at Mark Foy's, on 30th instant, 1 SOVEREIGN. Kindly leave with Shopwalker.

LOST, Gold Specimen BROOCH, gold plate in back. Reward. Central Exch. Dining Rooms, 72 York-st.

LOST, Carriage CUSHION, in Homebush. Finder rewarded. Apply W. Tanner, Rochester-st.

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LOST, the Morning Headache now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST, Wednesday evening, between Riviere College and Double Bay, Carved Coral PIN. Reward. Carleton, William-street, Double Bay.

LOST, 30th March, between G.P.O. and corner of King-street, BOX, containing Gold Necklet, 2 Brooches, and 2 Pins. Reward.
HARDY BROS., 13 Hunter-street.

MOSMAN.—LOST, white-and-red PARROTT. Reward. Mrs. Copeland, Shadforth-st., Mosman.

REWARD, £1.—Strayed, from L'hardt, low-set Mare, w. s on f., w. h. ft. T. Mofford, National-st., Lhdt.

TEN SHILLINGS REWARD.—Left in ab on Wednesday, the 21st, Lady's White Shot Silk PARASOL. Return to
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Government Railways.

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

Offices of the Railway Commissioners, Sydney, 30th March, 1899.

TRUCK RATE FOR GENERAL GOODS APPLICABLE BETWEEN ALL STATIONS.

Upon 3rd class traffic forming the whole or part of a consignment of not less than 6 tons loaded in a four-wheeled truck for the same consignee at the same station, and chargeable at the actual mileage rates, a REDUCTION OF 20 PER CENT. WILL BE ALLOWED, but no portion of the load will be chargeable at less than "A" class rates.

Explosives and unpacked wheeled vehicles will not be accepted as part of truck loads of general goods.

If a truck load of 6 tons is not collected within two days of first consignment being received, the goods will be forwarded at the ordinary tonnage rate.

(To come into operation on the 1st April, 1899).

THE MAXIMUM RATES PER TON AND PER TON IN TRUCK LOADS FROM SYDNEY AND NEWCASTLE TO THE VARIOUS LINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

Districts.	Description of Traffic.	Maximum Tonnage. From Darling Harbour and Intermediate Stations.	Maximum Tonnage. From Newcastle and Intermediate Stations.	Maximum Rates per Ton for Truck Loads of not less than 6 Tons. From Darling Harbour and Intermediate Stations.	Maximum Rates per Ton for Truck Loads of not less than 6 Tons. From Newcastle and Intermediate Stations.
		£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
To any station on Cooma Line	Any traffic, explosives excepted	...	...	8 10 0	3 15 0
	Sugar, galvanised iron, fencing wire, kerosene oil, iron and steel (bar, rod, hoop, and plate), nails, bolts, and nuts	...	...	3 6 8	3 11 8
To any station on the Southern line and branches, Cooma Line excepted	Any traffic, explosives excepted	7 5 0	7 15 0	5 0 0	5 5 0
	Sugar, galvanised iron, fencing wire, kerosene oil, iron and steel (bar, rod, hoop, and plate), nails, bolts, and nuts	...	...	4 0 0	4 5 0
	Wire netting	...	...	3 6 8	3 11 8
To any station on the Western Line and branches, except the Cobar Line	Any traffic, explosives excepted	8 0 0	8 10 0	6 0 0	6 5 0
	Kerosene oil, iron and steel (bar, rod, hoop, and plate), nails, bolts, and nuts	...	...	4 10 0	4 15 0
	Sugar, rice, unwrought iron (bar, rod, hoop, and plate), galvanised iron, wire netting, and fencing wire	...	...	4 10 0	4 15 0
To Cobar	Any traffic, explosives excepted	9 0 0	9 10 0	7 0 0	7 5 0
	Kerosene oil, iron and steel (bar, rod, hoop, and plate), nails, bolts, and nuts	...	...	4 10 0	4 15 0
	Sugar, rice, unwrought iron (bar, rod, hoop, and plate), galvanised iron, wire netting, and fencing wire	...	...	4 10 0	4 15 0
To any station on Main Northern Line	3rd-class	6 10 0	6 0 0	4 15 0	4 10 0
	1st and 2nd Class	5 15 0	5 5 0	4 15 0	4 10 0
	Kerosene oil, iron and steel (bar, rod, hoop, and plate), nails, bolts, and nuts, unwrought iron (bar, rod, hoop, and plate), galvanised iron, wire netting, and fencing wire	...	...	3 15 0	3 10 0
To any station on the Northern Line and branches, other than as specified above	Any traffic, explosives excepted	8 0 0	7 10 0	5 15 0	5 10 0
	Kerosene oil, iron and steel (bar, rod, hoop, and plate), nails, bolts, and nuts	...	...	3 15 0	3 10 0

A rebate of £5 per four-wheeled truck load of 6 tons upon general merchandise, and £3 per four-wheeled truck load of 6 tons upon sugar, rice, unwrought (bar, rod, &c.) and galvanised iron, wire netting, and fencing wire, consigned at the maximum truck rate to Bourke and delivered at places not further north than Wilcannia, will be allowed, on production of a certificate signed by the Customs Officer on a form which will be provided by the Department.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

EASTER HOLIDAYS, 1899.

EXCURSION ARRANGEMENTS TO AND FROM SYDNEY.

In addition to the Cheap Tickets ordinarily issued on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS at 2d per mile First-class return (minimum 1s) and 1d per mile Second-class return (minimum 9d) will be issued at Sydney and Metropolitan suburban stations to stations outside the Metropolitan suburban area, and from stations outside the Metropolitan Suburban area to Sydney only), by the undermentioned trains, available for return by any train, except the Melbourne Express and Northern and Western Mail trains, up to and including Monday, 10th April, 1899.

SOUTH COAST LINE.

FRIDAY, 31st March, and MONDAY, 3rd April.

From Sydney.—7.30 a.m., to Stanwell Park, Wollongong, and stations thence to Nowra; 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong.

To Sydney.—4.35 a.m. from Nowra.

SATURDAY, 1st April.

To Sydney.—4.40 p.m. from Nowra.

SOUTHERN LINE.

FRIDAY, 31st March.

To Sydney.—4.10 p.m. from Goulburn.

FRIDAY, 31st March, and MONDAY, 3rd April.

From Sydney.—8.0 a.m. to Goulburn.

SATURDAY, 1st April.

From Sydney.—2.28 p.m. to Bundanoon.

MONDAY, 3rd April.

To Sydney.—5.0 a.m. from Goulburn.

WESTERN LINE.

FRIDAY, 31st March.

From Sydney.—8.10 a.m. to Mount Victoria; 8.20 a.m. to Eskbank.

SATURDAY, 1st April.

From Sydney.—8.10 a.m. to Mount Victoria; 8.20 a.m. to Bathurst; 5.35 p.m. to Mount Victoria; 6.15 p.m. to Orange.

SUNDAY, 2nd April.

To Sydney.—9.30 p.m. from Orange.

MONDAY, 3rd April.

From Sydney.—8.10 a.m. to Mount Victoria; 8.20 a.m. to Eskbank.

NORTHERN LINE.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, 31st March, 1st and 3rd April.

From Sydney.—8.5 a.m. to Newcastle (7.50 a.m., from Milson's Point).

FRIDAY, 31st March.

To Sydney.—4.20 p.m., from West Maitland, and 5.30 p.m. from Newcastle.

SATURDAY, 1st April.

To Sydney.—5.0 p.m. from Newcastle, and 10.20 p.m. from West Maitland.

SUNDAY, 2nd April.

To Sydney.—12.5 a.m. from Newcastle.

MONDAY, 3rd April.

From Sydney.—8.55 a.m. to Hawkesbury River.

To Sydney.—5 a.m. from West Maitland, and 6 a.m. from Newcastle.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will also be issued from and to all stations by all trains until MONDAY, 3rd April, available for return until MONDAY, 17th April.

EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued to Melbourne, Adelaide, Broken Hill, and Brisbane until 3rd APRIL available for return for three months.

EXCURSION TRIPS TO HAWKESBURY RIVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON.

Cheap Excursion Tickets to Hawkesbury River, including journey by rail and steamer, will be issued at Sydney and suburban stations by trains leaving Sydney as under:—

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SATURDAY, 31st March and 1st April, 9.15 a.m.

SUNDAY, 2nd April, 9 a.m. and 3.32 a.m.

EASTER MONDAY, 3rd April, 9.10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 5th April, 9.5 a.m.

Connecting train will leave Milson's Point at 8.55 a.m. on each of above dates.

Return Fares: 5s 6d first-class, 3s 6d second-class.

From 31st March to 3rd April, tickets at the specially low fares of 1s 6d first-class and 1s second-class will be issued at Sydney and Illawarra Suburban stations to Mortdale, Oatley, Como, Sutherland, Loftus, and National Park, available for return on day of issue only.

In addition to the Ordinary Service and the Cheap Excursion Trains shown above Special Trains will leave Sydney as under—

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 31st March and 1st April.

For the NORTHERN LINE: 9.15 a.m. to Hawkesbury.

EASTER MONDAY, 3rd April.

For the SOUTH COAST LINE: 9.30 a.m. to Kiama, 7.30 p.m. to Kiama and Nowra.

For the WESTERN LINE: 10.0 a.m. to Mount Victoria, 1.30 p.m. and 6.50 p.m. to Richmond, 11.35 p.m. to Mount Victoria and Richmond.

For the NORTHERN LINE: 9.10 a.m. to Gosford, 11.15 p.m. to Newcastle, 11.30 p.m. to Hornsby Junction.

On Friday, 31st March, and Monday, 3rd April, the 10.58 p.m., Liverpool to Granville, and 11.28 p.m. Granville to Liverpool, Wednesday and Saturday Trains will run.

Special Trains will also be run to Rockdale (Lady Robinson's Beach), Kogarah (Sans Souci and Sandringham), Como, Sutherland, and National Park.

Additional Trains will also be run on the Milson's Point and Richmond Lines on Easter Monday, 3rd April.

TIME-TABLE ALTERATIONS, NORTHERN LINE.

Until MONDAY, 10th April, inclusive (Good Friday, 31st March, excepted), the 6.15 p.m. Mail Train, Sydney to Jennings, will not convey passengers for stations as far as Werris Creek or for the North-western Line. Passengers for these stations on the dates named will travel by an additional mail train leaving Sydney at 6.34 p.m. (6.45 p.m. on Sundays).

MILITARY ENCAMPMENT AT ROOKWOOD.

Additional Trains will be run to and from Rookwood on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday next.

ON GOOD FRIDAY, 31st MARCH, the 4.50 p.m. EXPRESS TRAIN FROM SYDNEY TO BATHURST WILL NOT RUN. ON EASTER SATURDAY, 1st APRIL, the 2.35 p.m. EXPRESS TRAIN FROM SYDNEY to MT. VICTORIA WILL NOT RUN. ON EASTER MONDAY, 3rd APRIL, the 7.15 a.m. EXPRESS TRAIN FROM MT. VICTORIA TO SYDNEY WILL NOT RUN.

On EASTER MONDAY, 3rd April, a Special Train will leave Goulburn at 4.10 p.m. for Sydney, calling at all stations to Campbelltown, and arriving Sydney at 9.15 p.m.

WORKMEN'S TRAINS—SUBURBAN LINES.

Several of the Workmen's trains will be cancelled on Good Friday and Easter Monday, but on latter day additional trains will be run from Homebush and intermediate stations to Sydney, giving a quarter-hourly service between 9.0 a.m. and 11.0 a.m.

TO AVOID CONFUSION WITH PARTIES TRAVELLING TOGETHER IT IS REQUESTED THAT EACH PASSENGER WILL BE IN POSSESSION OF A TICKET, INSTEAD OF ONE OF THE PARTY HOLDING THE WHOLE OF THE TICKETS.

For the convenience of persons wishing to return to Sydney in time for business on Tuesday, April 4, special trains will leave Nowra at 4.35 a.m., Goulburn at 5 a.m., Mount Victoria at 6.30 and 7.15 a.m., and Gosford at 6.30 a.m.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS AND CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE, GEORGE-STREET, SYDNEY.

On 31st March, 1st and 3rd April, the Redfern and Alexandria Goods Sheds will be closed, but Darling Harbour Goods Shed will be open until 10.0 a.m. for the delivery of perishable traffic. All other Goods Sheds will be closed on these dates except for the receipt and delivery of perishables.

On 31st March and 3rd April the Central Booking Office will be open until 10.0 a.m. for the sale of tickets and delivery of perishable parcels only, and on Saturday, 1st April, up to 2.0 p.m.

HANDBILLS, giving full particulars, can be obtained from all Stationmasters, and at the Central Booking Office, George-street, Sydney.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

GOOD FRIDAY, 1899.

CITY LINES.—Ordinary Week-day Time Table will be in force.

RANDWICK-WAVERLEY LINE.—Trams will run through from Bondi Junction to Coogee all day, commencing at 8 a.m.

MOSMAN, WILLOUGHBY, and ENFIELD LINES.—An Improved Service will be in force.

AGRICULTURAL SHOW.—Special Trams will run from Bent-street and the Railway Steps for the Show Ground at frequent intervals from 8.50 a.m.

By order of the Commissioners.

H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

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may be speedily relieved and cured by rubbing the chest and back with
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COUNTRY NEWS.

THE SOUTHERN COAL TRADE.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

Shipments of coal at the port of Bellambi during the week totalled 2500 tons, of which 810 tons were consigned to Melbourne, and the balance to Sydney. At Port Kembla and Wollongong shipping operations have been fairly brisk.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

About sixty volunteers belonging to the J Company of the 4th Infantry Regiment left here by special train this afternoon for Newcastle to take part in the Easter encampment.

The weather has been unusually hot and dry for this time of year, and the absence of rain is now becoming serious.

BLAYNEY, Thursday.

A concert was held in the Town Hall last night by the pupils of the Public school in aid of the prize fund.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Superior Public School took place this afternoon, on the occasion of the breaking up for the Easter holidays.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The Rev. James Henry, Presbyterian minister, left Broken Hill by this evening's express for Gawler. Last night he was presented by his congregation with a purse of sovereigns and an illuminated address.

CAMPBELLTOWN, Thursday.

Mr. Joseph Warby, of Mosberry Cottage, died suddenly this morning. He was a native of this district, and was in his 81st year.

CORAKI, Thursday.

The local Lancers left to-day for Ballina, where the Richmond troops hold an Easter encampment in lieu of the Sydney general encampment.

The weather continues unseasonably warm. Rain would do great good at present.

DELEGATE, Thursday.

In the police court yesterday the local stock inspector, Mr. R. W. Dawson, proceeded against a number of persons for breaches of the Stock Act. Fines ranging from £1 to £5, with costs of court, were inflicted, amounting in the aggregate to £10 9s.

DUBBO, Thursday.

At the conclusion of the business of the police court this morning Mr. R. J. J. Ryan, solicitor, congratulated Mr. L. S. Donaldson, P.M., on his appointment to Newcastle. The police magistrate briefly acknowledged the congratulation.

About 60 of the Dubbo Volunteers left by special train this afternoon for the Easter encampment.

The weather was very hot to-day, the temperature being 96° in the shade.

GERMANTON, Thursday.

The land board finished a two days' sitting to-day, disposing of upwards of 30 cases. An application from the Department of Public Watering Places for 320 acres at Cookadinia for a travelling stock reserve, was approved. A tank of 2000 yards is to be excavated on it. Mr. William Orr, district surveyor, of Wagga Wagga, was acting chairman, the other members present being Mr. Walter J. Johnson and Mr. W. M. N. Elmoudson. Mr. Payton, inspector of conditional purchases, and Mr. Maurice Barlow, staff surveyor, also attended.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

At the police court to-day John Thomas Matthews pleaded guilty to selling a return half of a railway ticket. Mr. O'Brien, his solicitor, said that two witnesses for the prosecution came to Goulburn as swagsmen, and told another person that unless they could get tourist tickets they would have to walk to Sydney. This person saw defendant, who agreed to get the tickets. He (Mr. O'Brien) did not think it right for the Railway Department to send people round to tempt others to commit breaches of the law. Mr. Robert Davis, who appeared for the prosecution, said that in 1895 defendant was fined £5. The Commissioners lost thousands of pounds in a year. He asked for the maximum penalty to be inflicted. When dealing with the last cases the police magistrate said he would fine the next defendant £20. The police magistrate said he did not see how a man was to be caught unless a trap were set. He fined defendant £20. Something might be done afterwards to reduce the amount.

Last night Mrs. Gardiner, wife of the Rev. J. Gardiner, was presented by the local branch of the W.C.T.U., of which she is president, with two gold brooches.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

The local land board concluded a two days' sitting to-day. John Zuill, lessee of Southgate run, obtained an exchange of 320 acres for a similar area of Crown lands. This is the first exchange application dealt with by the local board. James Clark applied for a special lease of Turkey, Gourd, and Palm Islands on the lower river for agricultural purposes. The board refused the application on the ground that the cultivating of these islands would cause them to wash away by flood and thereby silt up the river channel; further, that the indigenous vegetation on these islands, which comprise 180 acres, should be preserved, as it tended to beautify the river.

GUNNEDAH, Thursday.

At a public meeting held at the Royal Hotel last night, which was well attended, it was resolved to establish a branch of the Manchester Unity Order of Oddfellows, and a secretary, a treasurer, and a committee were appointed to carry out the matter.

An old resident named Patrick Burke met with an accident on Monday whereby he was run over by a bullock waggon, having his right shoulder, arm, thigh, and leg smashed in a terrible manner. He was sent on to Tamworth, where he died of his injuries soon after his arrival.

HARDEN, Thursday.

Water for domestic use is very scarce, having to be carted for some distance.

HELENSBURGH, Thursday.

The Bishop of Sydney held a confirmation service in the Church of England last night, when 13 girls and six boys were confirmed before a large congregation.

The Easter holidays promise to be lively. Mr. Hanley, of the Centennial Hotel, has advertised a good programme of sports for Saturday.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

Last night a farewell social was tendered to the Rev. F. Carwood on the eve of his departure from the district. Mr. Carwood leaves here next week to proceed to Lithgow Wesleyan Circuit.

A number of delegates left here to-day to attend the maize-growers' council to be held in Sydney on Saturday.

KIAMA, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Kiama Borough Council today a letter was read from the Acetylene Gas Company, with whom the council has been corresponding during the past three months with a view to lighting the streets of the town with the new illuminant. The company's terms are to lay gas mains, erect 21 lamps, and supply gas at £5 10s per lamp per annum, under contract for 10 years. This offer the council declined, and decided to negotiate with the Kiama Gas Company to relight the town. Shellharbour Municipal Council wrote, forwarding following resolution,—That this council suggests a conference between the representatives of the boroughs of Kiama, Jamberoo, Shellharbour, and Gerringong, to take place in Kiama at an early date to consider matters in connection with the Terragong Common. The Kiama Council has decided to leave the matter to be dealt with by the Minister for Lands. There was a letter from the Public Works Department forwarding a plan of the proposed reticulation in connection with the water supply, and stating that the extra cost for increasing the service reservoir from four and a half to six days' supply would be about £300. The council considered the extra cost too much for an additional day and a half's supply, and decided not to incur the expense.

LAWSON, Thursday.

A painful accident happened to a man named M'Ewan, a driver for Wilson, the butcher. Whilst driving from Wentworth Falls this morning a portion of his harness gave way, and the cart hitting the horse the latter commenced kicking, and threw the driver out, the wheel passing over the man's leg, which was broken in two places. Dr. Spark attended the injured man.

The special passenger train from the west to-day for Sydney was crowded. Passengers from this station were unable to find seats, a large number standing. From Sydney to the mountains the number travelling must have been a record one. Between 6 o'clock and 10 o'clock six trains passed through all very heavily laden. The weather for the holidays promises to be very pleasant.

LISMORE, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gollan, of the Imperial Hotel, who are leaving the district, were entertained at a social on Wednesday evening. About 80 were present, the Mayor being in the chair. Mrs. Gollan was presented with a handsome travelling bag.

MOLONG, Thursday.

The annual picnic of the Garra Wesleyan Sunday-school was made doubly interesting yesterday, inasmuch as connected with it was a social, tea, and public farewell meeting to the Rev. W. C. Hughes and family. There was a large attendance from every part of the district.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

At a valedictory social held at the Wesleyan church last night, the Rev. James Watson was presented with a purse of sovereigns. He was also the recipient of an illuminated address presented by the members and officers of the Wesleyan Church, and a Bible, a gift of the Christian Endeavour Society. Mrs. Watson was presented by the church choir with a complete edition of Wesley's Hymns.

This day was the hottest experienced in Narrabri since January.

SCONE, Thursday.

The heat is very great, and there is no sign of change. The country is getting in a very bad state.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

At the inquiry as to the death of the man Patrick Bourke to-day a verdict of accidentally killed through being crushed under a waggon was returned.

WAGGA WAGGA, Thursday.

The Minister for Mines states that if a Trust were formed the Government would pay half the cost of making Lake Albert permanent.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

Messrs. C. J. Cullen and H. J. Graham were today nominated as candidates in connection with the extraordinary vacancy in the Central Illawarra Council caused by the ousting of Mr. Graham on account of certain irregularities.

The Orchestral Society gave a concert in the Town Hall last night, at which Miss Hazeltine scored a great success.

The Wollongong council has adopted a scheme of retrenchment by which £70 a year is saved in salaries.

CLARKE'S WORLD-FAMED BLOOD MIXTURE.—"The most searching Blood Cleanser that science and medical skill have brought to light." Sufferers from Scrofula, Scurvy, Eczema, Bad Legs, Skin and Blood Diseases, Pimples, and Sores of any kind are solicited to give it a trial to test its value. Thousands of wonderful cures have been effected by it. Sold everywhere at 2s 9d per bottle. Beware of worthless imitations and substitutes.—Advt.

THE MILITARY FORCES.

A SCHEME OF PARTIAL MOBILISATION.

EASTER MANŒUVRES.

Last Easter, after a lapse of some years, provision was made for the concentration of nearly the whole of the New South Wales Military Forces at Rookwood. The practical benefits resulting to units comprising the forces, and also to commanding officers, were manifest to those who only lay claim to a superficial knowledge of defence matters. But it was felt by those upon whom was cast the responsibility of placing the defences in an efficient state that the operations carried out did not go far enough. Granted that the men were subjected to a period of most beneficial continuous drill and training, and that the officers, more especially those in the higher grades, were given an opportunity to practise the handling of troops in large as well as in small bodies, it was still evident that in the matters of commissariat, transport, and administration, a thorough test had not been made with a view to ascertaining where defects and weaknesses existed. There was also a strong feeling among officers and men that they should be enabled to make a necessary acquaintance with the positions allotted to them under the scheme of mobilisation drawn up by the Defence Committee. Recognising the force of these contentions, the General Officer Commanding decided, when the necessary funds were granted for the continuous training this year, that an endeavour should be made to carry it out as nearly as possible upon the lines laid down for action in the event of a hostile demonstration by an enemy.

For obvious reasons the "defence scheme" is a "confidential document." At the same time, interest attaches to the publication of a bare outline of its details. Under the scheme the defence of the coast is allotted to various units forming the military forces, the allotment being dependent to a certain extent upon geographical exigencies. Commencing at the north, Newcastle, as a most important coaling centre, is defended by its forts, the 4th Infantry Regiment, and a squadron of cavalry. Upon another squadron of cavalry devolves the duty of watching the coast northwards. The whole of this force is under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel Rancland, with Captain Hilliard as staff officer. The defence of Sydney is undertaken by the line of forts, and by bodies of artillery, cavalry, and infantry. Colonel Smith, R.A., O.C.A.F., has command of this district, which is divided into three sections, viz., the Port Jackson section, under Colonel Waddell; the movable column, under Colonel Bayly; and the Botany section under Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell. With the field force would be the head-quarters of the general officer commanding, and it would be at his immediate disposal. A chain of communication would be established to the north and south, the charge of the Wollongong defences being placed in the hands of Major Maccabe.

This disposition, of course, is responsible for a good deal of breaking up in the administrative organisation of regiments and corps. For instance, while Colonel Waddell, commanding the 2nd Infantry Regiment, is in command of the Port Jackson section, eight companies of his command are at Rookwood, and two more are employed in the defence of Wollongong. Of the Field Artillery, A Battery is with the field force, and B and C Batteries are with the column under Colonel Bayly. The mounted forces are similarly subdivided wherever there is need of their services, and the Engineers, the Army Medical Corps, and the Army Service Corps are also divided, detachments being sent to every column in the field.

The progress of the mobilisation up to last night showed that the scheme had on the whole been very well worked out. The necessary orders were issued on February 28, when the administrative machinery was set in motion. Some modifications upon actual warlike preparations were necessary to avoid expense which would only be justifiable in the event of the outbreak of hostilities. But on the whole the lines laid down were followed as nearly as practicable, and the fact that the various camps were practically ready for occupation last night showed that the scheme has so far proved to be a workable one, and its defects must be discovered by the events of the next nine days.

As the field force forms the reserve, or a third line of defence, the Commandant and his staff take up a position at Rookwood. Major-General French will, however, make periodical tours of inspection, his movements being probably as follows:—Friday, March 31, morning Paddington, afternoon Rookwood; Saturday, April 1, Rookwood; Sunday, April 2, Paddington and Randwick; Monday, April 3, Rookwood; Tuesday, April 4, Middle Head; Wednesday, April 5, Newcastle; Thursday, April 6, Wollongong; Friday, April 7, Rookwood, review by his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor at 3.30 p.m.; Saturday, April 8, morning, gun practice, South Head, afternoon, Randwick ranges.

Approximately the field states of the various forces will be as follows:—Field force, Rookwood, 2600; Sydney fortress division, 2200; Botany Bay section, 640; Northern section, Newcastle, 1160; Southern section, Wollongong, 300; Clarence encampment, 80.

AT ROOKWOOD.

Although the position of the field force, under the provisions of the mobilisation scheme, would be in the vicinity of Strathfield, so many advantages are offered at Rookwood for obtaining the best results from practice manoeuvres that the latter place was chosen. The site upon which the camp has been pitched covers the ground used last year for brigade movements. It has an easterly slope, and the area is sufficiently large to accommodate the whole of the partially-paid forces. Headquarters officers occupy the crest of the ridge, close to the asylum grounds. Extending to the left are A Battery Field Artillery, the Mounted Rifles, and the Lancers. The Army Medical Corps and the Army Service Corps are stationed lower down the slope, while the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Infantry Regiments form the eastern line, at the front of the camp and facing the cemetery. At the left rear positions have been allotted to canteens, caterers, hairdressers, and others who have been authorised to carry on businesses conducing to the comfort of the troops. As the scheme of mobilisation will only extend over four days, troops intending to continue their training for the full period of nine days will afterwards be concentrated at Rookwood, and sufficient space has been reserved for them. These corps will carry their own camp equipment and pitch tents on arrival. Last night five companies of the 1st Regiment, under Lieutenant-Colonel Weeks, and six companies of the 2nd Regiment, under Major Mallarky, arrived in camp, and by 9 o'clock to-day the 3rd Regiment and the remaining companies of the 1st and 2nd (excepting those engaged in the fortress defence) will be under canvas. A detachment from the Permanent Artillery, under Lieutenant Ryrie, had been engaged for the past five weeks in laying out the camp and pitching store tents, and yesterday the work was completed by fatigue parties sent on in advance from the various regiments. Everything possible had been done to facilitate the orderly disposition of the troops as they arrived, and by 11 o'clock last night necessary stores and bedding were drawn and early arrivals had settled down to camp life.

AT VICTORIA BARRACKS.

At the Victoria Barracks and in the vicinity thereof there will be quartered and encamped a force which will represent about 1500 troops all told. These constitute the movable column in connection with the Sydney Fortress, and it is commanded by Colonel Bayley, who has as his staff officer Major Knight. The forces at the disposal of Colonel Bayley consist of the Australian Horse (commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Mackay, M.L.A.), B and C field batteries of artillery (under the command of Major Wells), a detachment of engineers (commanded by Captain Cansdell), a detachment of the Army Medical Corps (commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Vandeleur-Kelly), the 6th Regiment (commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Wright, M.L.A.), and the 7th Regiment (commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Neild, M.L.A.) The 7th Regiment is quartered in the barrack rooms, vacated by the Permanent Artillery, while the 6th Regiment is under canvas. All the troops marched into barracks last evening except the Australian Horse. A position on Constitution Hill, Kensington, has been allotted to the "Horse," and will be taken up by Colonel Mackay early this morning. The encampment at Victoria Barracks will be struck on Monday evening, and either that evening or on Tuesday morning the two field batteries, the detachment of Engineers, a detachment of the Army Service Corps, and the detachment of the Army Medical Corps will march to Rookwood and join the brigade encamped there. This morning regimental drills will be carried out, and in the afternoon field work will receive attention.

FORBES, Thursday.

The local Half-company of Mounted Rifles left for the Easter Encampment by special train this morning in charge of Lieutenants Legge and Battye, surgeon and staff, Sergeant Wasson. The chaplain, the Rev. W. J. Dunstan, will not leave till Monday. Forty-two horses trucked this morning in 19 minutes. A large crowd assembled at the station to see the soldiers off.

MEETING OF JERSEY CATTLE BREEDERS.

A meeting of gentlemen interested in the breeding of Jersey cattle was held at the Arcadia Hotel yesterday. The meeting, which was characterised by great unanimity, decided that those present would form themselves into a body to be called the New South Wales Jersey Cattle Society, having for its object the furtherance of the breed and breeders' interests, and also the compilation of Jersey Herdbook. The meeting was called by Mr. M. Hautrive, and there were present besides Messrs. H. H. Brown, Thomas Morse, G. S. Brees, J. Woolley (representing Dr. Hay, of Coolangatta), and others. Mr. F. A. Wright was to have presided, but found that he was compelled to go into camp with his brigade of the Irish Rifles. The following gentlemen, though unable to attend personally, signified their unstinted co-operation to make the society a success:—The Hon. W. Long, Messrs. H. M'Kellar, C. Lynott, S. Hordern, and many others. The meeting was adjourned to April 5, and to be held at 8 p.m. at the Arcadia Hotel.

A Drought Scene.—Feeding sheep at Cannonbar—a result of the dry season.—An illustration in this week's Mail.—Advt.

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SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

LONG VOYAGE OF A CRIPPLED SHIP.

EXTENSIVE REPAIRS TO ONE OF THE UNION STEAMERS.

The particulars of the extraordinary experience of a British ship, which not seldom has carried Australian cargoes, the Drumcraig, are to hand. The ship made a record passage for length of the voyage, but it was accounted for in the fact that for 19,000 miles which she covered in the 21,000 miles sailed she was in a crippled condition. The Drumcraig was bound from Swansea to San Francisco, and left the Welsh port as far back as last July. Captain Johnson intended to sail round Cape Horn. Then weather was encountered for two months, when the troubles of the ship began. On September 8 a terrific storm was encountered, accompanied by lightning, sleet, snow, big seas, and everything else unpleasant to folks that navigate the ocean. An attempt was made to set the maintopsail. The tie of the upper maintopsail yard broke, and the steel yard came down with a run, carrying everything before it, smashing the cap, and generally tearing the rigging into a mass of debris. For two days and nights the officers and crew strove with cold chisels and axes to clear the ship of the mass of steel wreckage. Nearly every man aboard bore scars from that terrible conflict, and the anxiety incidental to so critical a situation was great, the peril being that some jagged end of a spar would burst through the ship's side. Finally Captain Johnson determined to abandon the Horn route, and to run to Rio for repairs; but the weather becoming contrary he shaped a course across the South Atlantic for the Cape of Good Hope. On September 19 a terrific hurricane struck the ship. The sea was one mass of boiling foam, and while the storm lasted the Drumcraig was almost entirely submerged. For several days following the blow the ship's company was busy unravelling tangled sheets and sending down the rags the hurricane had left in place of the sails. Another violent storm was encountered on October 11, and again on October 28, during which the port lifeboat was whisked away in splinters. Storms followed the vessel's tortuous course, and every storm wrought her some damage.

THE REPAIRS TO THE MAPOURIKA.

The steamer Waikare, from Dunedin yesterday, brought particulars of the repairing of the Union Company's Mapourika, the new vessel which was ashore so long at Greymouth. The 1200-ton steel steamer was undocked on the 23rd instant at Port Chalmers in the presence of between 5000 and 6000 spectators. Since the commencement of the work 70 permanent hands have been employed, and when a rush was on over 100 men found employment. This absorbed all the unemployed labour round about the dock. The wages sheet was, on an average, £500 per week. The repairs were most satisfactorily performed. The stern, which was greatly damaged, was taken out, straightened, and re-riveted. All the intercostal and keel plates, between 60ft. and 70ft. from the stem, were cut out and renewed, and some 30 or 40 plates were renewed on each side of the vessel, also the side of the double bottom. The top of the ballast tank was completely cut off and a new one put on. There were also renewed some 15 or 16 frames and reversed frames, 60 or 70 gussart plates, a 35ft. stringer bar, and a 37ft. false keel bar. New angle lines were put on the No. 2 ballast tank. The centre intercostal plates were taken out and straightened, and new angle lines were made for strengthening the keel plate. The No. 1 bulkhead was fitted with new angle lines and new bottom. All the temporary repairs were caulked and made perfectly tight. Mr. Carman, inspector of machinery, inspected the vessel before she was launched, and was delighted at the way the ship had been repaired.

THE TROUBLE IN SAMOA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your cable news this morning informs us that hostilities have again been begun in Samoa, involving, however, on this occasion the two great Powers of England and America. Surely it is high time that this deplorable state of affairs should cease, and I venture to suggest again a plan which in my opinion would bring peace and prosperity to the people in that fair group, and which I also think is the only practicable plan. At the risk of appearing somewhat egotistical I venture to state what qualifications I have for assuming to give such a decided expression of my views. I lived for nearly 15 years in Samoa, from 1860 to 1875, during which years I was only absent from the group for a few months. These years include the period before any of the present complications began, when the old Samoan customs only were observed, and when there was no mention of such a being as a King of Samoa, down to the second Steinberger incident. Since then I have repeatedly visited the group, and have been in constant communication with many of the principal men of both parties. I am credited, I believe, by both foreign residents and Samoans with having, to say the least, a very fair knowledge of the language and the manners and customs of the people. My last visit was in July and August last year, when I had long conversations with many of the chiefs and people of both parties, and was assured by all those I spoke to that the plan I suggested was agreeable to them. It will be necessary for me to give a very brief and incomplete account of the political divisions of Samoa prior to the present complications, in order that your readers may understand the position.

Samoa, beginning from the east, consists of the Manua islands (which are not affected or considered), and Tutuila, which is politically allied to Atua. The two large islands of Upolu and Savaii are divided into the districts of Atua, Tuamasaga (the district in which Apia is situated), and Aana of Upolu, and Safotulafai, Saleaula, or Le-itu-a-tane, and Leituafaine on Savaii. Manono, situated between the two islands, which was formerly one of the dominant districts, has lost much of its old prestige of late years. The towns in all these districts were self-governing in all local matters; but whenever a question was to be discussed which affected the district as a whole, a meeting, or fono, was held in the "Malae," or meeting place of the district, at which representatives from the different sections were present, and the policy of the district was then decided upon. Any attempt to control the policy or the actions of one district by another, except by advice or request, would be at once resented. Two or more districts might unite for any given purpose, but the agreement to do so must be a voluntary one. It is very necessary to remember this, as the attempt to substitute a central power and so to ignore the independent self-governing power of the respective districts is in my opinion the cause of much of the present trouble. The present unrest indeed begins from this very cause. The port of Apia is situated in the Tuamasanga district, having Atua on its eastern boundary and Aana on the west. Some time in the early sixties, when the late Mr. J. C. Williams was British Consul in Samoa, the chiefs and people of the district decided to have a set of laws for the government of their towns, and more particularly of Apia. They erected a flag staff, hoisted a flag, which was stupidly called the flag of Samoa, passed a lot of irritating laws, and appointed policemen, many of whom had far more zeal than discretion. Visitors walking on the beach after curfew were locked up, and in many other ways were annoyed or insulted. The principal thing which was resented, however, and which ultimately led to hostilities, was that Tuamasanga, which was considered as an oft-conquered district, should call their laws and flag the laws and flag of Samoa, thus ignoring the other and more important districts. This was the beginning of the strife, though the composition of the respective parties and the points in dispute have often changed during the past years. Then, with regard to the kingship, it must be remembered that the idea of a king with any real authority over the whole of Samoa is quite foreign to the people. A chief in the old days might get the four titles conferred upon him which gave him the title of Tupu or King, but these titles were given independently by those who had the right to do so, and no real governing power was bestowed. The several districts always retained the care and control of their own affairs, and in any scheme for the pacification of the group this matter will always have to be conceded.

The course which I would suggest and which, as I have stated, would, in my opinion, be acceptable to all parties, is, briefly, as follows:—

1. That the people should revert, as far as possible, to their old system of local self-government, modified, of course, by the changed circumstances, and especially by the fact that a central or federal government is now necessary.

2. Each recognised district should, to compare small things with great ones, be in the same relative position to the federal government as in the United States of America. They should make their own local laws, collect and spend their own taxes, appoint and pay their own magistrates and policemen, make their own roads, and generally have full powers of State government.

3. Each district should send a fixed number of representatives to form the central or federal government, and should contribute pro rata from its funds towards the expenses of the government.

4. The federal government should exercise certain defined powers only, e.g., relations with foreign Powers, Supreme Court, customs and postal arrangements, &c.

5. The king should be elected for a specified term of years by the whole of the people, and the choice for the present should be restricted to the two families of Sa Malietoa and Sa Tupua alternately, that is, no representative of either of these families should be elected twice in succession. When a member of Malietoa's family has fulfilled his term of office the next choice should be made from the Tupua family. This might be modified afterwards.

6. Some European officers would be necessary, such as Chief Justice, magistrates, collector of customs, postmaster, &c., &c.; but, as far as possible, the Samoans should be taught to manage their own affairs.

7. The integrity and independence of the group could be guaranteed by the three Powers now exercising control under the Berlin Treaty. The proposal to apportion out the group is utterly impracticable and useless. The only alternative to some such form of government as I propose is annexation by one of the three Powers. The Samoans are a noble race, and though full of fight for real or imaginary wrongs, they are yet easily influenced by kindness and are very amenable to acknowledged authority.

I am, &c.,

GEO. BROWN.

March 30.

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LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

No. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four.)

£1000 DAMAGES FOR MALICIOUS PROSECUTION AND FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

Smith v. Jeffers.

Mr. Mocatta, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell (agents for Mr. W. E. Panton, of Bombala), appeared for plaintiff. There was no appearance on the part of the defendant. This was an action brought by Frederick Patterson Smith, cattle dealer, against Jonas Jeffers, who is also in the same line of business, to recover compensation for malicious prosecution and false imprisonment. Plaintiff's case was that the defendant proceeded against him at Bombala on a charge of feloniously stealing a bullock branded I.B. over Z. The case was heard on March 9, when the plaintiff was acquitted. He now charged that defendant acted maliciously and without reasonable or probable cause, knowing that plaintiff had bought the bullock from him at a time when the plaintiff and defendant were acting together in the purchase of stock. Plaintiff further stated that in addition to the humiliation and degradation he had suffered in the preliminary proceedings at the police court, his subsequent committal for trial and appearance before a crowded court at Bombala, where he was well known, he was put to an expense of about £140 in bringing his witnesses to Bombala. He also said that his business had suffered by the prosecution.

The jury, without leaving the box, found a verdict for the plaintiff in the full amount claimed, namely £1000.

ACTION TO RECOVER A BICYCLE.

Charles v. Tempest.

Mr. J. J. Cohen, instructed by Mr. Eliott Meyer, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Mr. G. Croaker (for Mr. G. Coleman, of Wagga Wagga), for the defendant. This was an action brought by John George Charles against G. E. Tempest to recover damages for the alleged conversion by the defendant of one "James" bicycle. The defendant pleaded not guilty.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff, with damages £15. His Honor granted a certificate for costs.

No. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice O'Connor and a jury of 4.)

A GEORGE-STREET LAND TRANSACTION.

Skinner v. Hordern.

Mr. Gannon and Dr. Brissenden, instructed by Messrs. Montagu and Mainwaring, appeared for the plaintiff, Henry Alfred Skinner; Mr. Pilcher, Q.C., and Mr. Loxton, instructed by Mr. T. M. Slattery, appeared for the defendant, Cecil Hordern. Plaintiff claimed £650, alleged to be due as commission for certain work and business done for the defendant. Defendant pleaded never indebted. The case for the plaintiff was that in September last he was acting as theatrical agent for Mr. George Adams, owner of the Palace Theatre in Pitt-street. He was anxious to have the stage of the theatre made larger. He saw defendant, who was owner of land stretching from the rear of the theatre to George-street, on part of which Gowing Brothers' store stood. He first proposed that defendant should lease to Adams a portion of the land. Defendant expressed himself willing, and also willing in the alternative to sell a small area for £3500, or the whole for £26,000. Defendant, it was alleged, said to plaintiff, "If you can get Adams to take it I will stand you a handsome commission." Adams did purchase the land. The case for the defence was that when the price for the sale of the land was fixed nothing at all was said about a commission. Plaintiff said that if the theatre were enlarged his own profits would increase. Defendant never promised to give plaintiff a commission.

The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for £260.

No. 3 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four.)

ACTION FOR ALLEGED SLANDER.

Cornwell v. Gordon (part heard.)

Mr. W. A. Walker and Mr. Harris, instructed by Mr. Ayrault Burns, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Gannon, instructed by Mr. R. H. Levien, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Jonathan Cornwell, butcher, carrying on business at Auburn, against Hugh Gordon to recover damages for alleged slander. Plaintiff's case was that defendant was at the Homebush saleyards on February 2, and bought a number of lambs. Plaintiff also bought 25 lambs. Subsequent to the sale and delivery plaintiff found that a number of the defendant's lambs had become mixed with his. Plaintiff returned the lambs to the defendant, but two or three days afterwards the defendant, in the course of conversation with a man named Edward Prentice about the lambs, said "he had found ten of them at a butcher's shop, in Bob Armstrong's and Jack Cornwell's." This was the slander complained of, and plaintiff said that his business and reputation had been injured by the use of the words. Damages were laid at £500. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and positively denied that he had used the words attributed to him. He also stated that the lambs were not bought by him at all, but by his brother, Frederick Gordon.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

ALLEGED FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE.

Martin v. Tighe and others.

Mr. Loxton, instructed by Mr. W. A. Barker, for the plaintiff, C. E. Martin; Mr. Street, instructed by Mr. G. Croaker, for the infant defendant Isabella Mary Coleman; Mr. Coleman for defendant Maria Theresa Coleman (his wife); and Mr. Croaker for the trustees of the will of Susan Margaret Tighe, deceased, namely John Tighe, G. A. Rattray, and G. Coleman.

Catherine Elizabeth Martin applied that it might be declared that an indenture of conveyance dated October 18, 1883, signed by her in ignorance of its contents, which deprived her of a beneficial interest to which she was entitled in 1280 acres of land near Gunning, was fraudulent and void, and that such of the defendants as were in possession of the indenture be ordered to rectify it in plaintiff's interest or to deliver it up for cancellation. In her statement of claim she said her father and mother asked her in 1883 to call at the office of a solicitor, who was then the agent in Sydney of the defendant G. Coleman, her brother-in-law, and sign a document prepared by a firm of which G. Coleman was a partner. She was informed that her signature was necessary, as a matter of form only, for the purpose of facilitating the sale of the land. Relying on the truthfulness of the statements made to her by her father and mother she signed a document which she now believed was identical with the conveyance. What she signed was not read over to her, and she was wholly unacquainted with its purport. She never received any consideration for the execution of the document, and always during the lifetime of her mother, Susan Margaret Tighe, understood that her beneficial interest in the property or its proceeds was unaffected. Her mother died on July 21, 1897, leaving a will to which the defendants J. Tighe, G. A. Rattray, and G. Coleman were trustees. Soon after this date plaintiff first became aware that she had executed a deed which purported to deprive her of her beneficial interest in the land and the proceeds of its sale. The deed was between John Tighe, her father, of the first part, George Joseph Martin, plaintiff's husband, and plaintiff, of the second part, the defendants G. Coleman and Mary Theresa Coleman (plaintiff's sister), of the third part, Susan Margaret Tighe (plaintiff's mother), of the fourth part, and Patrick Joseph Bede Donelly, of the fifth part. It set out that in consideration of £50 expressed to be paid to the defendant J. Tighe by the defendant P. J. Donelly, and of £100 expressed to be paid to the plaintiff and to the defendant Mary Theresa Coleman by P. J. Donelly, all the interest of J. Tighe, the plaintiff, and the defendant M. T. Coleman in the property were purported to be conveyed to P. J. B. Donelly and his heirs upon such trusts and to such uses, &c., as plaintiff's mother might appoint, and in default of and until such appointment in writing, it was set out that plaintiff's father, J. Tighe, should have the use of the property for his natural life and from and after his death it should be available to the use of the plaintiff and defendant M. T. Coleman and their heirs as tenants in common absolutely for their sole and separate use benefit. The consideration money expressed to have been paid to plaintiff was altogether inadequate to the purchase value of her interest. J. Tighe, G. S. Rattray, and M. G. Coleman declined when asked by plaintiff to consent to the cancellation or rectification of the conveyance and continued to retain possession thereof. By her will Susan Margaret Tighe purported to devise all her real estate to the defendant trustees upon trust, the profits arising therefrom to be given to John Tighe, and after his death the said 1280 acres of land was to be held on trust for the defendant Isabella Mary Coleman, daughter of the said G. Coleman, absolutely. The defendant John Tighe, in his affidavit denied that he or his deceased wife informed the plaintiff that her signature to the conveyance was a mere matter of form. He said the plaintiff at all times knew the purport of the conveyance. Prior to the execution of the indenture the contents thereof had been fully discussed with and explained to the plaintiff, and the plaintiff and her husband freely and voluntarily agreed to become parties to it. In the body of the indenture and by separate endorsement thereon the receipt of the consideration money was acknowledged by the plaintiff. Defendant did not admit that the consideration money was less than the value of the plaintiff's interest in the land. Defendant Maria Theresa Coleman said, in defence, that since the execution of the indenture she never had or claimed or pretended to have any right, title, or interest in the lands affected thereby. She therefore submitted that the suit against her should be dismissed with costs. The infant defendant Isabella Mary Coleman, by George Coleman, her guardian, after making like assertions to those of the defendant John Tighe, said the will of Susan Margaret Tighe contained bequests and demises of property in favour of the plaintiff not mentioned in the statement of claim. The infant defendant submitted that if the plaintiff were successful in obtaining the relief asked for, the plaintiff must elect whether she would conform to all the provisions of the will or refuse to do so, and if the plaintiff elected not to conform to the will, plaintiff must compensate the infant defendant out of the benefits of the will conferred on the plaintiff. The other defendants submitted.

The case stands part heard.

ALLEGED CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Mr. Langer Owen, instructed by Mr. G. H. Saunders, on behalf of Eden George, applied for a rule nisi calling upon Mark Blow to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt for disobeying an order of the Court, made some time ago, in connection with an action whereby Blow was restrained from advertising that he had the sole right to use the rococo process in the production of photographs.

His Honor granted a rule nisi, returnable on April 10.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

HERTSLET v. HERTSLET.

In this case his Honor gave judgment. The petitioner was Mary Josephine Hertslet and the respondent Charles Norbert Hertslet. Decree nisi, on the ground of habitual drunkenness and neglect to support, returnable in one month; respondent to pay costs of the suit; petitioner to have custody of the children, but not to remove them out of the jurisdiction of the Court without further order; respondent to have reasonable access to the children once per month.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson and a special jury of 12.)

SUIT FOR DIVORCE AND DAMAGES.

Berghofer v. Berghofer; Harvey co-respondent (part heard).

Mr. Kelynack and Mr. Curlewis, instructed by Messrs. Chenhall and Eddie, appeared for the petitioner in the suit, Isaac Charles Berghofer. It was a cross suit. The issue remaining for decision on petitioner's behalf was whether his wife, Lilian Constance Berghofer, formerly Renfrey, had committed adultery between July and November, 1897, with Arthur Harvey. Mr. Ralston, instructed by Messrs. Cope and Co., appeared for the respondent, the issues for whom were whether petitioner had committed adultery with Isabella M'Kenzie Craig and other women whose names were unknown to respondent, and whether petitioner had been habitually cruel to respondent. Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Messrs. Abbott and Allen, appeared for the co-respondent. The sum of £500 damages was claimed from Harvey.

His Honor summed up for an hour and a half. The jury retired at half-past 6. At 8.30 they returned into court and said they had decided on the following issues:—Whether the petitioner was married to respondent as alleged; whether petitioner committed adultery with some woman unknown; whether the petitioner had been guilty of cruelty. They had a three-fourths majority as to the following issues:—Whether respondent committed adultery with Harvey and vice-versa; the amount of damages (if any) to be awarded. They had not agreed as to whether petitioner had committed adultery with Mrs. Craig.

The jury again retired, and at 11 p.m. returned into court with unanimous findings as follows:—That the parties were married as alleged; that respondent committed adultery with Harvey and Harvey with the respondent at Dulwich Hill between July and November, 1897; that the co-respondent, Harvey, should pay £80 damages; that petitioner did not between April, 1895, and December, 1897, commit adultery with Mrs. Craig; that petitioner did not between February, 1894, and December, 1897, commit adultery with some woman or women unknown to respondent; that petitioner had not been guilty of cruelty.

Mr. Ralston and Mr. Whitfeld submitted that petitioner had been guilty of such neglect and misconduct as had conduced to the adultery, and asked that therefore a decree nisi should not be granted.

His Honor said he did not agree with the contention. He granted a decree nisi, returnable in two months; ordered that the amount of damages be paid to the Registrar within one month; that co-respondent pay costs of the case so far as it related to the issue of adultery against him; petitioner to pay respondent's costs; co-respondent to pay to petitioner the costs of the respondent which are adjudged against petitioner in respect of respondent's defence to the charge of adultery with co-respondent.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

HEARINGS OF CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

John Danks and Co. Proprietary, Limited, and Goodlet and Smith, Limited, v. J. Miller. By consent the matter was adjourned to April 13, a settlement being pending.

W. H. Palmer, official assignee of E. J. Horton, v. E. Wilson. Mr. M. Mitchell, solicitor for the petitioner. Order made. Act of bankruptcy March 25. Mr. J. T. Lloyd to be official assignee.

Mungo Scott v. V. H. Worthington. Mr. M. Mitchell for petitioner. Order made. Act of bankruptcy March 16. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re S. W. Miller. On application of official assignee adjourned to April 20 to allow of proceedings being taken to recover land alienated by the bankrupt.

Re J. H. Cornes. Mr. Dunhill, solicitor for bankrupt. Adjourned to April 6.

Re E. Edwards. No appearance. Adjourned to April 13.

SINGLE MEETINGS.

Re J. Emberson. Bankrupt present. Public examination declared concluded.

Re T. Affleck. On application of the official assignee, public examination declared concluded.

MOTION FOR RELEASE.

Re Elizabeth C. S. Cochrane. Mr. Loxton, counsel for bankrupt, moved for release. The Registrar made an order accordingly, the release to operate as a discharge.

SECTION 30 EXAMINATIONS.

Section 30 examinations were held and adjourned in the following estates:—E. H. Symonds to April 13, E. J. Horton to April 27, F. G. Trescott to April 6.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Tuesday, April 4.

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company matters, lunacy matters. At 12 noon: Manning v. O'Donnell, to proceed on accounts. At 2.15 p.m.: Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company v. M'Combe, to settle minutes of decree; Law Debenture Corporation v. Edgar, to settle minutes of decree; Ballantyne v. Green, to settle minutes of decree; Muston v. Lackey, to settle minutes of decree.

Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Landau v. Mutch, to tax costs. At 2.15 p.m.: Menindie Boiling-down, Freezing, and M. P. Company and Companies Act, to tax costs. At 3 p.m.: Re Robert Guy, deceased, to tax costs.

In Bankruptcy.—Note: The list set down for hearing before the Registrar in Bankruptcy for this day has been adjourned till the following Tuesday, 11th instant.

DISTRICT COURT.—Tuesday, April 4.)
(Before his Honor Judge Docker, at 10 a.m.
All undefended actions and causes where the amount sued for does not exceed £10.

Note.—The list of not-served summonses will be called punctually at 10 a.m., when parties must be ready to apply for an order to continue.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.—Wednesday, April 5. Robert Matthews, manslaughter; Thomas James Moore, assault; Michael Henry Kelly, murder; Peter Olsen, wounding with intent to murder.

Notice.—Only the witnesses in cases set down for trial on Wednesday need be in attendance at the court on that day.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.—Tuesday, April 4. Cases for trial.—Frederick Smithson, false pretences; Samuel James Attwood, shop-breaking; Michael Carney and Charles Pearson, housebreaking; John Francis Fraser, stealing; George Austin, housebreaking; Edward Carlton, robbery; Frederick Greenon, assault; William Henry Riley, larceny.

Notice.—Only the witnesses in cases set down for trial on Tuesday need be in attendance at Court on that day.

POLICE COURTS.

A Municipal Theft Case.—Yesterday at the Balmain Police Court, over which Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., presided. A young man named Geo. Cook, 21, described as a labourer, was charged with stealing, between December 3 and 4, 1898, one set buggy harness and whip, the property of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Balmain, valued at £5 10s. The accused was sentenced to be imprisoned with hard labour for three months.

Assault.—For having assaulted one Thomas Reid, Iogen Hansmann, 36, a seaman, was at the Central Police Court, ordered to pay a fine of £2, or, in default, to go to prison for three weeks.

Youthful Thieves.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. M. S. Love, D.S.M., John Smith, 13, a schoolboy, was charged with stealing a violin, valued at 15s, from the shop of Abraham Abrahams, 9 Strand Arcade, and was ordered, in lieu of committal to gaol, to be handed over to the Boys' Farm Home for Neglected and Destitute Children at Camden. Henry Plunkett, aged 13 years and 9 months, on a charge of having in his possession a piece of copper piping reasonably suspected to have been stolen, was ordered to be detained in the cells for three hours.

Suspected Persons.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., James Barker, 64, a tailor, and Charles Simpson, 29, a tailor, were charged with being suspected persons, frequenting George-street, a place of public resort, with intent to commit a felony, to wit, to steal. Each of the accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Sunday Trading.—At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. T. E. M'Niven, D.S.M., Thomas M. Davis, licensee of the Cliff House Hotel, Bondi, was fined £5 for selling liquor during unlawful hours on Sunday, 19th March.

Charges of Assault.—At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Delohery, S.M., John Wooller, or Tracey, aged 32, was charged with having assaulted James Davis by striking him with an iron bar on the face and knocking several teeth out, at the Glebe. The accused was ordered to pay a fine of £5, and 21s costs, in default 14 days gaol. At the same Court Francis Marlborough, aged 24, was charged with having, in company, assaulted John Alvarez, at the Glebe, on the 18th instant. The accused was ordered to pay a fine and costs of £2 8s 8d, in default two months' imprisonment, and for destroying a hat was further ordered to pay a fine of 5s, together with 15s, amount of damage, in default 21 days' gaol.

Drunk and Disorderly.—At the Paddington Summons Court yesterday, before Mr. T. E. M'Nevin, D.S.M., William Kenny, of Broughton-street, Paddington, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Broughton-street, Paddington, and was fined 10s, with 5s 6d costs, or seven days' gaol.

Cruelly Illtreating a Horse.—At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. T. E. M'Nevin, D.S.M., Thomas Collins was charged with cruelly illtreating a horse by working it whilst suffering from sore shoulders on the 28th instant. Accused was fined 10s, or in default three days' gaol.

Charge of Drunkenness.—At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. T. E. M'Nevin, D.S.M., a cabman named Andrew Daly was charged with being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and cab No. 602 in New South Head-road, Paddington, on the 29th instant, for which offence he was ordered to pay the sum of 20s, or in default seven days' gaol.

SYDNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

FAREWELL TO Mr. J. BARRE JOHNSTON.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. J. S. Brunton, the committee of the Chamber of Commerce met on Wednesday to wish bon voyage to Mr. J. Barre Johnston, one of their number, who is leaving for America, via London, to represent the Sydney Chamber of Commerce at the Universal Commercial Congress to be held at Philadelphia, U.S.A., under the auspices of the body known as the Philadelphia Museum. In addition to the committee an invitation was sent to Colonel G. W. Bell, U.S. Consul.

The President, in proposing the health of Mr. Johnston, said that in his opinion the chamber was very fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Johnston as representative of the chamber at so important a gathering as that to which he had been accredited. He had known Mr. Johnston for many years, and felt certain that the characteristics which marked that gentleman—his earnestness, his business acumen, and his probity—by which he had built up a flourishing business, could not fail to make him a worthy representative of the commercial community of this, the mother city of Australia. He had much pleasure therefore in proposing his health and in wishing him a pleasant and prosperous trip and safe return to Sydney and to the chamber, where he might be sure of a hearty welcome home from his colleagues. Before calling on one or two of the older members of the committee to support the toast he would like to express his satisfaction at the presence of Colonel Bell, the representative of that great nation of our brothers—(applause)—the United States, the home of the Philadelphia museums—and he was sure he voiced the wishes of the chamber when he said he hoped that Colonel Bell might find it convenient to attend the congress, and there tell the American merchants and others his (Colonel Bell's) opinions from an American's point of view as to the resources, &c., of New South Wales. (Applause.)

Mr. Gotthelf (vice-president) said he had much pleasure in supporting the toast. He had known Mr. Johnston for years, and both on the committee and in general business and private life he had found him a gentleman who worthily filled the title of merchant. He was sure Mr. Johnston would worthily represent the chamber, and as far as he (Mr. Gotthelf) was concerned he thought the chamber could not have made a better choice in a representative.

Mr. J. H. Storey said he fully concurred in all that the president and vice-president had said, and could merely add that, as perhaps the oldest member of the committee, he was perfectly satisfied, and, moreover, pleased, to leave the representation of the chamber in hands so capable as those of Mr. Johnston.

The toast was then honoured in champagne.

Mr. J. Barre Johnston, who was received with applause, said "Mr. president and gentlemen,—I thank you most heartily for the exceedingly cordial manner in which you have received the toast of my health, and need hardly say that your good wishes for a pleasant voyage to the old country are much appreciated by me. On my return I trust to meet you all again, and then render a good account of my stewardship in connection with the honour conferred upon me by being appointed to represent this chamber at the important commercial congress to take place in Philadelphia under the auspices of that magnificent organisation the Philadelphia Museum. I cannot help feeling, however, that the interests of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce might be better served than by myself, still, gentlemen, I can assure you that no effort of mine will be wanting to reflect credit on this committee, and through you, on the commercial community of this city. On an occasion such as this one, I think, falls naturally into retrospection, and really, gentlemen, on looking back over the trade of this city for the past 20 years, it is marvellous to note the rapid expansion that has taken place, not only in our commerce, but also in the wonderful capabilities of our market in absorbing the imports from the old world, be they drawn from England or that great English-speaking community, the United States of America. What has been achieved to date should be a source of pride to any commercial man of this city, and with the vast undeveloped resources of this colony at our backs it would be a bold man who would prophesy what will be the developments of the near future; still, I think we are safe in expecting the march of progress will be steady and sure, as, although we have passed through a trying time since the crisis of 1892-1893, even the most pessimistically inclined should take courage from the present outlook. Coming now to the all-important mission with which this chamber has entrusted me, I take it that the objects of the Philadelphian Congress are to draw into closer union and sympathy the commercial communities of the whole world, and in this the United States of America not only set us a bright example, but one which, I am pleased to say, is likely to be emulated by the old country, and well illustrates the dominant influence commerce now exercises on the affairs of men. In my younger days it used to appear to me that the only professions worthy of a man's ambition were the Army and the Navy, and no doubt in the then state of commerce they were rightly so regarded. Now, however, the career of commerce is one that not only brings honour and prosperity to many of its devotees, but as a civilising agent may safely rank amongst the most humane agencies trending to that end. Indeed, gentlemen, the Army and Navy may now be regarded as the handmaidens of commerce, for, in the event of threatened hostilities, is not the protection of our trade routes one of the first cares of the State. And thus it is that the more the commercial possibilities of the colonies are developed, the more the armed might of the nation will be directed to keeping open the means of communication with those distant parts of the Empire from whence the mother country now draws so much of her food supplies. In conclusion I would like to pay a tribute to the manner in which the Sydney Chamber of Commerce is keeping pace with the march of trade progress, and I am quite sure it will do all possible to bring itself into line with all the movements which have for their object the ultimate benefit and extension of the trade of Sydney. Gentlemen, once more I thank you for your kindness to me on this occasion and, on my return I trust to find you all well and the Sydney Chamber of Commerce still continuing the useful work that is the primary object of all such organisations. I would also like to express my gratitude to our secretary, Mr. H. C. Mitchell, for his willing and able help in procuring for me some facts and figures relating to our commerce, which will, I am sure, prove interesting to our American friends."

Mr. W. J. Gollin proposed the health of Colonel Bell, the representative of the United States of America. Colonel Bell had by his geniality endeared himself to the community generally, and by his untiring energy in endeavouring to facilitate business interchange between the United States of America and New South Wales had earned the gratitude and esteem of the commercial community generally.

Colonel Bell thanked the committee. He stated that the ties which bound the States and Australia (and by Australia he meant New South Wales—for Sydney was now recognised as the greatest trade distributor in Australia) were as much those of blood as of trade, with perchance a slight preponderance on the trade side—(laughter)—but nevertheless he assured his hearers that the ties were not likely to be loosened but rather strengthened. He said: You can have no idea of the excitement which prevailed when on a recent occasion I had the honour and pleasure of cabling to my Government that many Australians volunteered their services, and how that action was commented upon by over 700 newspapers in the States next morning. The Colonel then said: "As regards my being at the Congress in Philadelphia a few months hence, I am proud to say that the Premier has mooted the subject of my (Colonel Bell) representing New South Wales thereat. There is precedent for it. No definite arrangement has been made, but I assure you I should esteem it a great honour.

The proceedings then closed.

INCANDESCENT GASLIGHT.

We are informed by the Australasian Incandescent Gaslight Company, Limited, that the suit which they commenced against Messrs. Brandt Brothers in August last has now been terminated, and judgment been obtained on the 15th instant, in the Supreme Court of Victoria. The object of the action was to enforce the restrictive conditions under which all the company's mantles are issued, and to restrain Messrs. Brandt Brothers from using or selling their mantles except with burners supplied by them. The judgment provides for the following:—1. An injunction to restrain the defendants, their servants or agents, from using or selling for use any mantle, or attaching to any burner any mantle, in breach of the following conditions:—"That neither the purchaser of, nor any person into whose hands any such mantle may come, shall use the same, except with burners which shall have been supplied by the company. That no such purchaser or person shall attach any such mantle to any burner which shall not have been supplied by the company. That no such purchaser or person shall sell any such mantle, except for use with burners, which shall have been supplied by the company." 2. An inquiry by the Chief Clerk as to the number of burners sold by the defendants since the restrictive conditions were imposed, and upon which the mantles subject to the restrictive conditions had been affixed. 3. The defendants to pay damages at the rate of 6s (six shillings) for every burner upon which the mantles subject to the restrictive conditions had been affixed. 4. The defendants further to pay to the plaintiff company, or its solicitor, the sum of £140 towards payment of its costs.

ROYAL MINT.

ABSTRACT OF TRANSACTIONS.

Particulars.	March, 1899.	Since Jan. 1.
Weight of Gold received for Coinage—	Oz.	Oz.
Description. New South Wales ...	24,769·91	64,823·36
Queensland ...	14,582·08	105,390·63
New Zealand ...	...	44,880·38
Victoria ...	...	...
South Australia ...	...	2·48
Tasmania ...	...	3,982·45
Western Australia ...	48·92	235·39
Other Countries ...	...	122·69
Coin ...	12·53	12·53
Total ...	39,413·44	220,379·91
Gross value of the above ...	£141,622 18 1	£791,525 15 2
Gold Coin and Gold Bullion issued—		
Coin: Sovereigns ...	£336,000 0 0	£781,000 0 0
Coin: Half-sovereigns ...	Nil.	Nil.
Bullion ...	Nil.	12,577 3 4
Total ...	£336,000 0 0	£793,577 3 4
Silver Bullion issued ...	Nil.	£83 8 0
New Silver Coin issued ...	£1,650 0 0	4,000 0 0
New Bronze Coin issued ...	60 0 0	340 0 0
Worn Silver Coin withdrawn from circulation ...	1,699 1 0	2,699 1 0
Revenue paid over: Mint Receipts ...	748 3 11	3,450 17 11
Revenue paid over: Escort Charges ...	47 16 4	156 19 0

BANQUET AND PRESENTATION TO MR. RICHARDS.

THE FROZEN MEAT INDUSTRY.

MR. M'MILLAN ON THE FUTURE OF THE COLONY.

Mr. Robert Richards was entertained on Wednesday night at a complimentary banquet at the Town Hall on the occasion of his departure for England. About 250 gentlemen, representing the commercial, financial, produce, and general business community, assembled, the following firms, amongst others, being represented:—J. H. Geddes, Birt, and Co., Limited, Metropolitan Ice and Cold Storage Company, Limited, Pitt, Son, and Badgery, G. S. Yuill and Co.; president Chamber of Commerce, Brunton and Co.; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., A.M.A., and Company, Hill, Clark, and Co., Union Mortgage Company, general manager Bank of New South Wales, Riverstone Meat Company, Fresh Food and Ice Company, Limited, Dangar, Gedye, and Co., Hill, Clark, and Co., Sydney Exchange, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, A. M'Arthur and Co., A. M. L. and Finance Company, Houlder Brothers, Macnamara and Smith, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Maiden Brothers, Pitt, Son, and Badgery, G. S. Yuill and Co., Macmahon and Co., Gibbs, Bright, and Co., W. A. M'Arthur, Limited, Stock and Station Journal, Grougal, John Sanderson and Co., Adelaide Steamship Company, Orange Plains, Meat Trades Journal, Weaver and Perry, H. Haigh and Son, Orient Company, R. Richards and Sons, P. and O. Company, Wyly, Trenchard, and Co., T. and W. Willis, Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., Wilkinson and Lavender.

The hall and tables were tastefully decorated, the centre table bearing a pyramid of ice with the words "Au revoir" adorning the front, and each of the side tables bearing a block of ice wherein were displayed a miniature racing jacket and jockey's cap with Mr. Richards's racing colours, the front of the block also having inscribed on it the names of some of his favourite horses. The enthusiasm displayed throughout the gathering evinced the esteem in which Mr. Roberts is held by all classes of the community. He received an ovation.

Mr. H. S. Badgery presided, and the Hon. Dr. MacLaurin, M.L.C., and Messrs. D. Anderson, A. A. Dangar, and William M'Millan were vice-chairmen.

The toast of the Queen having been duly honoured, the chairman submitted the toast of the evening, "Our Guest." After referring to the part Mr. Richards had taken in developing the frozen meat export trade, the chairman said he was able to be complimentary without overstepping the bounds of moderation. The value of the lands of Australia in the future would depend upon their being able to find a market for the products of the colonies, and this market had to be found outside the colony. Mr. Richards had taken a prominent part in the direction of finding that market, and hence the reason such a distinguished company had met to do him honour. (Applause.). Anyone who displayed energy and used capital and experience in making markets for Australian produce deserved well of the community.

The Hon. Dr. MacLaurin, M.L.C., in supporting the toast, said they were met to do honour to Mr. Richards on account of his public character as one of the best and most representative sons of New South Wales. He was a man who had done much to advance the interests of the great grazing industry of New South Wales, which was after all the stable industry. He had built up a business which in the beginning employed eight men, and now employed some 250, and he had done more good to the country than all their politicians. He had proved himself an upright business man, and a man of spotless honour. (Applause.)

Mr. R. T. Keys (Hunter River) said he was pleased to support the toast and to testify to the esteem in which Mr. Richards was held in his district, where, perhaps, he was better known than anywhere in the colony.

The chairman then presented Mr. Richards with a beautiful massive silver salver, weighing 150oz., hand engraved, with design of maidenhair ferns, the work of Messrs. Hardy Brothers, Hunter-street. The following is the inscription engraved on the salver:—"Presented to Robert Richards, Esq., on the eve of his first visit to Europe, as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by his many friends. 29 March, 1899. Town Hall, Sydney." The salver, he said, would remind Mr. Richards of the esteem in which he was held, and their appreciation of his bold spirit in launching out in a business which had done much to increase the value of property in the community, and establish a great industry in their midst. (Applause.)

Mr. Richards, who received an ovation on rising to reply, said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks for the honour they had done him and the kind things they had said of him. In all that he had tried to do he had always had the loyal assistance of his friends, who had rallied round him. He had done his utmost to seize opportunities that had presented themselves, but at the same time he had been fortunate. He had always tried to remember that he was an Australian and a native of the Richmond district, where so many of their best men had been nurtured. (Applause.) He saw around him many who had taken their part as pioneers in the great industries of the colony. There was one name they could never forget, namely, that of the late Thomas Mort, who was the pioneer of the frozen meat industry. (Loud applause.) It was he who had shown them the way to get to other lands with their products, and he (Mr. Richards) had been able to follow somewhat in his footsteps. (Applause.) He had commenced the export business in 1881, and between 1881 and 1890 he exported only 600,000 sheep. The Orient Company had been his helpmates in the trade. He profited by his experience, and in 1891 his business commenced to increase, with the result that between 1891 and 1899 he had exported 3,100,000 sheep. (Applause.) It was said that honesty was the best policy, and whether that were so or not he could testify that it was downright good business. He would again thank them for their kindness, which he should never cease to remember. (Applause.)

Mr. W. M'Millan, in proposing "The Pastoral and Export Industry," said he felt that the question of the export of the products of the colonies to the markets throughout the world was one of the most serious subjects that could occupy the attention of the enterprising men of the colony. They had in the colonies enormous tracts of country which were bound to make the colonies in the future the great food-producing country of the world. The people of the colony did not yet fully understand the great destiny that awaited them in the great Southern Seas. (Applause.) They were so much in the habit of fixing their minds upon England that they forgot that they had an unmixed British community which must in the future dominate the whole of the Eastern world. Australia, with its immense facilities for producing, side by side with India, China, and Japan, with their congested population crying out for its products, must be the pioneer exporting country of the world. (Applause.) Statistics proved that the exports of the colony in value and volume were, as compared with the population, the greatest phenomena ever known in the history of the world. The question was what part the Government should play in the great export trade of the colony. The great thing was to know what the Government should not do. (Applause.) He held that the country having the greatest facilities for getting its produce to the seaboard would be the country that in future would secure the markets of the world. Statistics showed the colony had a rent revenue of two millions, one half from alienated lands, and one-half from pastoral rents. He maintained they would never compete in the markets of the world till by the use of the amounts of these land revenues, which belonged to the soil, they wrote down their railway capital, and thus secured cheaper freights. (Applause.)

Mr. A. A. Dangar and Mr. Patson (Fresh Food and Ice Co.) responded to the toast, and Mr. Winchcombe proposed "The Ladies."

Mr. De Groen's Band supplied a programme of music during the evening.

VALEDICTORY.

A pleasant ceremony took place on Wednesday night at the Angel Hotel, Pitt-street, when about 50 of the employees of Hill, Clark, and Co. assembled to wish Mr. John Deighton, who has been a brother officer for the past eight years, and who is now proceeding to England for an extended time, bon voyage. Mr. Close, Mr. Richards, and Mr. Wynter, members of the firm, were present, and Mr. Close proposed "The Health of the Guest," which was drunk with great enthusiasm, and presented him with a purse of sovereigns, and on behalf of the employees with a handsome travelling bag, suitably inscribed. Mr. Deighton responded in a very feeling manner. Mr. Richards and Messrs. Elphinston, Thornton, Henson, and Robin also spoke and eulogised their late comrade, and mentioned the esteem in which he has been held by the firm and the employees. After "The Health of the Firm" had been proposed by Mr. Thornton and responded to by Mr. Close, who spoke of the good feeling that existed between the firm and their staff, a number of musical items were given by Messrs. Maddrell, Henson, Robin, and Rodgers, and altogether the evening went off with great eclat, all present wishing Mr. Deighton good luck and au revoir.

APPEAL COURT.

An Appeal Court in connection with the assessments of the rateable property within the borough of Granville was held at the courthouse, Parramatta, on Wednesday, before Messrs. S. Murphy, P.M., and R. Harper and J. W. Withers, Js.P. There was a long list of appeals, the majority of which were upheld. The Bench decided not to allow bank clerks and bank managers to appear without the written authority under seal of the bank. Owing to the fact that no such authority was presented, a number of appeals in which the banks were interested were confirmed.

The champion animals photographed on judging day are splendidly illustrated in the Mail's Special Show Number.—Advt.

IT IS AN AGONY OF AGONIES. A torture of tortures. It is an itching and burning of the skin almost beyond endurance. It is thousands of pin-headed vesicles filled with an acrid fluid, ever forming, ever bursting, ever flowing upon the raw, excoriated skin. No part of the human skin is exempt. It tortures, disfigures, and humiliates more than all other skin diseases combined. Tender babies are among its most numerous victims. They are often born with it. Sleep and rest are out of the question. Most remedies and the best physicians generally fail, even to relieve. Such is Eczema, the greatest skin humour of modern times. If CUTICURA did no more than relieve Eczema it would be entitled to the gratitude of mankind. It not only relieves, but relieves instantly. A warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, a single anointing with CUTICURA (ointment), the great skin cure, followed by a full dose of CUTICURA RESOLVENT, greatest of blood purifiers and humour cures, is sufficient to allay itching and irritation, soothe inflammation, remove crusts and scales, permit rest and sleep, and point to a speedy cure when all else fails. Truly CUTICURA works wonders.—Advt.

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ANOTHER GREAT REDUCTION in Prices of BURNERS, MANTLES, and CHIMNEYS.

ON AND AFTER THE 1ST APRIL, 1899, PRICES WILL BE REDUCED AS FOLLOWS:—

The "C" BURNER, complete with MANTLE and JENA CHIMNEY - - - 9s 6d
The "C" BYE-PASS BURNER, Ditto Ditto - - - - 12s
The "N" BURNER, Ditto Ditto - - - - 7s
The "N" BYE-PASS BURNER, Ditto Ditto - - - - 8s 6d

RENEWAL "MANTLES" (Licensed for use with our Burners only), 1s 6d each.

"JENA" GLASS CHIMNEYS, 1s 3d and 1s each.

The NEW WELSBACH MANTLE which we are now offering to the public is of an improved pattern, combining great illuminating power with extreme strength and durability. It withstands shocks and vibrations and will not decrease its light even after 1000 hours' burning. One new Mantle will outlive two of the old pattern.

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AN ENORMOUS ASSORTMENT OF LATEST PATTERNS OF GLOBES, SHADES, SILK SCREENS, &c., SUITABLE FOR EVERY DESCRIPTION OF DOMESTIC LIGHTING IS NOW ON VIEW AT OUR SHOWROOMS.

PUBLIC WARNING.

The public are warned not to be deceived by the mendacious statements of Hawkers and other infringers claiming that the Mantles offered by them are not infringing the Welsbach Patents.

All Mantles giving a White Light and not bearing the Company's Trade Mark (W) are infringements.

All Burners supplied by the company have their name stamped in.

In purchasing Incandescent Gaslights the public should carefully examine Burners and Mantles so that they may not be deceived into buying spurious imitations, which render them liable to legal proceedings. Users are equally liable with sellers.

It is an Infringement to sell or use mantles made in imitation of ours.

It is also an Infringement to use our Mantles upon Burners not stamped with the name of the Company.

F. LASSETTER AND CO., LIMITED,

SOLE AGENTS FOR N.S.W. OF THE

AUSTRALASIAN INCANDESCENT GASLIGHT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—March 30.

Allowrie, s., 550 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden, via ports. Passengers—Mesdames William Rixon, Stewart, Joseph, O'Reilly, Harper, Seccombe, Nicholson, Misses Black (3), Wall (2), Seccombe (2), James, Alcocks, Barber, Eaton, Read, Milsop, Crapp, Boxell, Hanlon, Peale, Laing, Boller, Thompson, Beresford, Messrs. Sutherland, Seccombe, Seccombe, Isaacs (2), Alcocks, Black, Boardman (2), Ramsey, Cowles, Morrow, Kilgour, Lewis, Dunsmore (3), Kevin, Allen, Ellis, Hume, Underhill, Brame, Bate, Harper, Chidgey, Otton, Cock, Allen, O'Neil, Peace, Cunnington, Clinch, Gordon, Masters Alcocks, Seccombe (2), Nicholson, and 20 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kallatina, s., 680 tons, Captain John Magee, from Clarence River March 29. Passengers—Mesdames Davis, Donaldson, Duggan, Bowers, Tallow, Crapp, sen., Crapp, jun., Morris, Johnson, Pearse, Wallace, Manning, Gosling, Foster, Misses Davis, Lowe, Page, Campbell, Seale, Gould, M'Lean, Wallace, M'Lachlan, Tallow, Stokes, Walsh, Johnson, Warby, Landrigan, Alexander, M'Innes, Hatby, Bowers, Andrews, Messrs. H. B. Dando, H. Poole, T. Camerford, G. Murphy, R. Barnier, J. Woods, A. G. Gerard, W. Manning, A. Cameron, R. R. Donaldson, F. Mann, J. Duggan, J. Phemister, J. H. M'Donald, J. C. Giovanelli, J. Ashton, J. Griffin, A. C. Hockey, J. W. Condon, A. B. Kearey, C. Baldock, H. E. Ryan, H. Napoleon, E. Tulley, B. Morrison, R. M. Rankin, W. Davis, G. Want, J. Henson, F. Flatley, E. Wright, G. Hayman, W. Lesson, F. Eggins, T. Eggins, W. Clements, S. Clements, E. G. Elworthy, J. Lamb, E. Parkinson, J. R. Taylor, W. Wingfield, J. O'Shannessey, J. Daley, P. Blonde, W. Penrose, J. Donnelly, C. T. Griffiths, G. Jones, A. Stokes, W. Newby, R. Waugh, J. Miller, C. Gorman, G. Ellis, W. Bush, D. M'Lachlan, Masters Waugh, Phemister, Gosling (2), and 10 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Allinga, s., 2242 tons, Captain D. P. Davies, from Cairns, via Queensland ports. Passengers—Messrs. F. M. Bailey, J. D. Russell, Kenwyn Lawry, G. B. Smith, Maconaghy, F. E. Crowdy, J. Leath, F. W. Higgins, Harper, W. Craigie, J. R. Stutter, S. G. Bennett, G. C. Bennett, H. J. Horton, Maddock, H. O. Rogers, E. W. Hawson, Thomas and son, H. Gosden, Mansfield, G. Morgan, Crowley, R. Elliott, Patterson, Misses Baldry, L. Green, E. M'Kellar, M. M'Kellar, Booty, Mabyn Lawry, F. M. Bailey, M'Cutchen, H. Flood, M. E. Harbottle, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. D. Hughes, Mrs. Pringle, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. A. R. M'Kellar, Mr. and Mrs. Booty, Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. W. Howard and infant, Mrs. F. S. Dyer and infant, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. M'Innes, Mrs. Banbury, Mrs. Richer, Mrs. H. Cooke, Mrs. and Master Cowley, Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M'Cutchen and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsford 3 children and maid, Mrs. Mansfield, Mrs. Hayes and child, and 63 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited agents.

Waikare, s., 3080 tons, Captain Walker, from Wellington and ports. Passengers—Mr. Smith, Mr. Blackadder, Mr. Bickerton and nurse, Mr. Chambers, Masters Ritchie (2), Mr. Simpson, Mr. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Gaden and 3 children, Mr. Pearshouse, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Ostrichs, Mr. Smythe, Mrs. Chapman and child, Mrs. Howard and 2 children, Mr. Smith, Mr. Martin, Mr. Brocklehurst, Misses Roxburgh (2), Mrs. Simms, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Coles, Mr. and Misses Marks (2), Mr. Jakins, Mrs. Poulton and child, Miss Poulton, Miss Thornton, Miss Bullock, Mr. Gourley, Misses Cholmondeley (2), Mr. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Low and child, Mr. and Miss Sheather, Mr. Foster, Mr. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. Giraud, Mrs. Gallaghan, Mr. Pullene, Mr. Reddel, Mr. and Mrs. Phelan, Mr. Talbot, Mr. Koch, Miss Eyton, Mr. Evison, Rev. Fotes, Mr. Pissington, Mr. Hart, Dr. Power, Dr. M'Murray, Mr. Scot Young, Mr. Terry, Mr. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Nalder, Mr. Dalgaard, Mr. and Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Lambourne and child, Mr. Margesthein, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and 4 children, Miss Behan, Mr. Nathan, Mr. Granger, Mr. and Miss M'Micking, Mr. and Miss Nicholson, Miss Heywood, Mrs. Parsons, Mr. Beale, Mr. Henley, Mr. Beere, Mr. Sandilands, Miss Simcow, Miss Thomas, Mr. and Miss Blundell, Mrs. Everest, Brother Harris, Mr. Smith, and 87 steerage passengers. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Oonah, s., 1750 tons, Captain Gibb, from Hobart March 28. Passengers—Misses Backhouse, Douglas, Nicholls, Hurt, M'Cannon, Walker, Butler, Reid, Keirath, Hickman, M'Donald, Weller, Lewis, Docker (3), Overell, Braham, Cunningham (2), Marron, Martin, St. Clair, Kimbel, Mesdames Davis, Wud, Hurt and 3 children, Innis, Clark, Kemp, Wright, Israel, Crosby, Mackey, Campbell, Wells, Hyland, Witton, Bradley, Cuthbertson and 2 sons, Huxtable and 4 children, Docker, Creswell and child, Marron, St. Clair, Messrs. C. Davis, Hudspeth, Nicholls, Campbell, Cowles, Higgs, Corns, Lodge, Tomkys, Mackey, Innis, Wright, Boland, Swan, Israel, Carroll, Crosby, G. Davis, Wells, Hyland, Waddy, Bayfield, Rummell, Duret, Bird, Morgan, Creswell, Rheuben, Cooper, St. Clair, Riordan, and 41 steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Bulimba, s., 2503 tons, Captain W. R. Fleetwood, from Melbourne. Passengers—Mesdames Wilson, Chiffey, Dawe, Wendell, Abrahams, Jones, Fort, Drew, Liddell, O'Neill, Judd, Lipp, Wallis, Misses Wilson (2), Gainsbury, Lovell, Heather, Kelly, C. Dykes, Lamthan, M'Namara, Sheehan (2), Ford, Cleary, Wilmot, Costen, Liddell, Hartshorn, Harvey, Edey, Messrs. Small (2), Marsden, Gardiner, Hamilton, Brown, Henderson, Wendell, Carter, Harvey, Millett, Abraham, Waugh, Heywood, Neate, Smith, Boyle, Byers, Hall, Christy, Molloy, Bunting, Robson, Fox, O'Neil, Crichton, Gould, Foulton, Gibbins, Briggs (2), Drew, Steel, Henderson, Graham, Wilson, Brownhill, Galvey, Bell (2), See, Chambers, Crowther, and 103 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

St. George, s., 500 tons, Captain B. Alley, from Richmond River. Passengers—Masters Perry (2), Horgan, Mesdames Gardiner, Callaghan, Fallow, Miller, Tulk, Graham, Hughes, Johnston, Misses Henry, Glendening, Gronow, Gibson, Freach, Jones, Messrs. M'Cann (2), Waters, Smith, Jones, Robertson, Campbell, Horgan, Brown, Manning, Warren, Graham, Tulk, Kelk, Gardiner, Cross, Johnston, Walsh, Gray, Thomas, West, Tickle, Johnson, and 2 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Anglian, s., 2159 tons, Captain F. Sherriff, from Newcastle. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Namoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

DEPARTURES.—March 30.

Australian, s., for Hongkong and Japan, via ports.
Anglian, s., for Fremantle, via ports.
Queen Cristina, s., for Batavia, via Newcastle.
Whangaroa, schooner, for Foxton, via Newcastle.
Hecla, ship, for San Francisco, via Newcastle.
Perthshire, s., for London, via Rockhampton.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—March 31.

Illawarra S. N. Company's steamer for Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven; Newcastle, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—March 30.

Australian, s., 2898 tons, Captain P. T. Helms, for Hongkong and Japan, via ports.

Anglian, s., 2242 tons, Captain F. Sherriff, for Fremantle, via ports. Passengers—Mesdames Poyser, Hayes and infant, Stewart, Brown, A. E. Bond, G. M'Kinnon, Misses E. Moore, Marra, B. Lebentriff, Smith, Brown, Carey, Sinclair, C. Norcebb, Messrs. J. Campbell, T. Woolf, J. R. Turner, G. Isaacs, R. A. Appleton, W. B. Gibson, E. W. Watson, O'Keife, R. Thompson, R. Elliott, J. Prebeick, H. Seager, G. Hood, J. Pain, A. Dixnan, J. Evers, N. Kildale, R. Terry, A. Harden, A. Dight, R. Harriott, K. Harris, J. Kingsbury, Poyser, R. Wardrop, A. Campbell, A. M'Credie, J. Cameron, E. Connolly, J. Redshaw, F. Lebentriff, L. Smith, Kilpatrick, J. J. Williams, Martin, A. E. Bond, G. M'Kinnon, and 47 in the steerage.

Hecla, ship, 1455 tons, Captain E. Nelson, for San Francisco, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Perthshire, s., 5550 tons, Captain J. Wallace, for London, via Rockhampton and ports, in ballast.

Loch Broom, ship, 2075 tons, Captain J. P. Padford, for London. Passenger—Mr. N. W. Fitzgerald.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—March 30.

Jane, schooner, Captain F. Symon, for Port Stephens; Currajong, s., Captain C. Sproule, for Bellambi; Dunmore, s., Captain Hansen, for Shellharbour; Harriett, schooner, Captain A. M'Kenzie, for Nambucca River.

IMPORTS.—March 30.

(A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column).

Anglian, s., for Fremantle, via Melbourne, Adelaide, and Albany: 200 tons coal, 30 boxes carbonate soda, 460 bags sugar, 20 cases cheese, 42 cases machinery, 50 cases butter, 20 chests tea, 10 tanks malt, 220 cases preserved meats, 15 cases bacon, 200 bundles timber, 15 drums paint, 6 cases drugs, 60 sacks manure, 50 cases whisky, 200 cases salmon, 13 sacks hides, 22 packages paper, 5 cases stationery, 2 cases chairs, and sundries.

Kallatina, s., from Clarence River: 2635 bags maize, 51 bags bark, 32 bags bones, 23 bags beans, 45 bales wool, 16 bales skins, 3 bales tobacco, 1 cask tallow, 133 cases eggs, 34 cases fish, 9 coops poultry, 152 hides, 354 boxes butter, 34 cans cream, 19 pigs, and sundries.

Waikare, s., from New Zealand: 154 cases fish, 190 sacks oatmeal, 100 cases milk, 800 sacks wheat, 600 sacks malt, 109 pieces machinery, 100 cases tea, 400 sacks bran, 800 cases cheese, 150 sacks peas, 100 sacks flour, 293 bales fungus, 275 sacks potatoes, 500 sacks seed, 700 bags onions, 7 crates cabbage, 60 casks tallow, 3664 boxes butter, 6124 sacks oats, 70 sacks hides, 35 bales hops, and quantity sundries and transhipment for other ports.

Allowrie, s., from Eden and Southern ports: 5 bags bones, 633 bags bark, 3 bags oysters, 2 bales leather, 601 boxes butter, 546 cheese, 8 cases cream, 47 coops poultry, 22 bundles skins, 3 boxes fish, 8 boxes eggs, 12 packages furniture, 27 hides, 32 pigs, 6 casks tallow.

Allinga, s., from Cairns, via Queensland ports: 638 bales wool, 174 hides, 105 casks tallow, 145 sacks sugar, 114 sacks flour, 2115 bunches bananas, 416 bags charcoal dust, 25 bags empty bottles, 18 packages samples and sundries. Also cargo for Melbourne, Adelaide, and Western Australia.

Oonah, s., from Hobart: 6318 cases and 3857 half-cases fruit, 101 cases jam, 321 cases pulp, 72 bags vegetables, 50 cases and 43 bales hops, 11 bales wool and skins, 25 bags hides, 70 bags malt, 672 bags bark, 7 casks tallow, and a quantity of sundries.

St. George, s., from Richmond River: 469 bags maize, 4 bags pumpkins, 64 bunches bananas, 3 calves, 114 pigs, 37 cases eggs, 5 cases honey, 19 cases fish, 10 coops fowls, 13 hides, 4 casks tallow, 31 hogsheads molasses, 22 boxes butter, 25 hardwood logs, 24,000ft. sawn pine, 11 cases bacon, 8 bags heads, 2 bags feet, 1 bag ham, and a quantity of sundries.

Allinga, s., from Cairns, via Queensland ports: 638 bales wool, 25 bags empty bottles, 103 casks tallow, 18 packages samples, 416 bags char dust, 174 hides, 2115 bunches bananas, 145 sacks sugar, 87 packages machinery, &c., 28 bags oysters, 4384 bags sugar, 15 cases bananas, and quantity sundries.

Taviuni, s., from Samoa and islands: 6224 bunches bananas, 6727 sacks copra, 47 tons bulk copra, 108 sacks fungus, 189 sacks peanuts, 71 sacks cocoanuts, 11½ bales wool, and sundry packages.

EXPORTS.—March 30.

Loch Broom, ship, for London: 3805 bales wool, 59 bales fleshings, 1585 casks tallow, 12 bales gluepieces, 161 bags and 16 bales horns, 650 cases meats, 97 bags shank bones, 4703 bags wheat, 600 bags flour, 50 tons boghead mineral, 3375 bags chrome ore, 2570 bars lead, 5022 pieces timber, 4 cases figs, and sundries.

Australian, s., for Hongkong and Japan, via ports: 11 boxes gold (£10,072), 10,632 bags sugar, 29 sacks bran, 10 packages metal, 25 bags horseshoes, 28 felloes, 26 tyres, 3 bundles sheet iron, 99 pieces pine, 96 pieces hardwood, 451 pieces ironbark, 113 pieces kauri, 63 pieces oregon, 10 drums oil, 5 cases milk, 15 cases wine, 100 cases kerosene, 8 packages meats, 193 sacks fungus, 720 quarter-bags flour, 42 bags maize, 48 bags chaff, 14 cases onions, 78 cases potatoes, 58 cases fruit, 45 bags oatmeal, 1280 packages merchandise, and sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

YAMBA.—Arrival: March 30, City of Grafton, s., from Sydney. The Echo passed north.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: March 30, South Australian, s., Newcastle, s., Timaru, s., Western, s., Clitus, s., Kini, s., Sydney, s., Southern Cross, s., Alice, s., Titus, s., Kolya, s., Edenballymore, Keeper, ships, Dillpussund, barque, Isabelle, Annie Bow, schooners, Australian, s., from Sydney; Wyrallah, s., from the Richmond; Taviuni, s., from Fiji. Departures: March 30, Southern Cross, s., for Gladstone; Titus, s., for South Sea Islands, via Sydney, with 500 tons coal; Kini, s., for Devonport, via Kembla, with 600 tons coal: Hally Bayley, Isabelle, Annie Bow, Lochlee, May Byrnes, schooners, Timaru, s., Western, s., Alice, s., Wyrallah, s., Sydney, s., South Australian, s., Newcastle, s., for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: March 30, Tagliaferro, s., at 6.25 a.m., Leura, s., at 4.5 p.m., both north.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: March 30, Penguin, s., from Hobart; Era, s., from Adelaide. Departures: March 30, Armand Behic, s., for Sydney; Pilbarra, s., for Adelaide and Western Australia; Aramac, s., for Sydney; Burrumbeet, s., for Sydney; Era, s., for Sydney; Pateena, s., for Launceston; Boveric, s., for Sydney; Mokoia, s., for New Zealand, via Hobart; Penguin, s., for Tasmanian ports.

QUEENSCLIFF.—March 30, the Armand Behic cleared the heads at 6.30 p.m. for Sydney.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Arrival: March 30, Augusta, s., at 8.20 a.m., from Sydney.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: March 30, City of Grafton, s., at 6.5 a.m., from Sydney.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Departure: March 30, Wollumbin, s., at 11 a.m.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departure: March 29, Nambucca, s., at 10 p.m., for Sydney.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Passed: March 30, Tyrian, s., at 5.55 p.m., south.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrivals: March 30, Rosedale, s., at 9 a.m., from Sydney; Eureka, s., at 11.40 a.m., from Nambucca River. Departure: March 30, Macleay, s., at 10.40 a.m., for Sydney.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Arrival: March 30, Kincumber, s., at 8.25 a.m., from Sydney. Departures: March 29, Australia, schooner, at 7.30 p.m., for Sydney; S. A. Hayward, ketch, at 8.25 p.m., for Manning River. March 30, Paris, schooner, at 8.15 a.m., for Sydney.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrivals: March 30, Unique, s., with ketch S. A. Heyward in tow at 5.5 a.m., from Camden Haven. Departures: Coraki, s., at 10.10 a.m., for Sydney; Annie, ketch, at 11.30 a.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departures: March 30, Wakefield, s., at 9 a.m., Toogoolop, schooner, at 11 a.m.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—Departures: March 30, Betsy, ketch, and Progress, ketch, at 11 a.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: March 30, Ena, yacht, at 8 a.m., Billie Barlow, s., at 6.15 a.m., Isea, yacht, at 3.30 p.m. Departures: Frolic, ketch, at 7 a.m., Theresa, ketch, at 11 a.m., Florrie Ellison, s., at 11.20 a.m.

BELLAMBI.—Departure: March 30, Currajong, s., at 8.30 a.m., for Sydney.

WOLLONGONG.—Departure: March 30, Albatross, schooner, at 5 a.m., for Botany.

PORT KEMBLA.—Arrival: March 29, Lindus, s., at 11 p.m., from Adelaide. Departure: March 30, Barrabool, s., at 7.15 a.m., for Melbourne.

KIAMA.—Departures: March 30, Civility, s., at 6.50 a.m., and Resolute, s., at 11 a.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Departure: March 30, Illawarra, s., at 8.15 a.m., for Sydney.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: March 30, Peterborough, s., at 10 a.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI.—Arrival: March 30, Bega, s., at 10 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: March 30, Bega, s., at 11.50 a.m., for Tathra.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: March 30, Oonah, s., at 6.30 a.m., north; Tagliaferro, s., at 10.25 a.m., north; Norkoowa, s., at 10.25 a.m., Willyama, s., at 4.5 p.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: March 30, Leura, s., at 4.5 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed outwards: March 30, Austral, R.M.S., at 5.20 a.m., Glenelg, s., at 2.30 p.m., a barque at 3.10 p.m.

HOBART.—Arrival: March 29, Acacia, barque, at 6.30 p.m., from Adelaide. Departure: March 30, Etna, Italian warship, at 7 a.m., for Melbourne.

STRAHAN (TAS.).—Arrival: March 29, Kawatiri, s., during night, from Melbourne.

DEVONPORT (TAS.).—Arrival: March 30, Glaucus, s., before daylight, from Melbourne.

STANLEY (TAS.).—Arrival: March 30, Taieri, s., at 6.50 a.m., from Sydney.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Departure: March 30, Adelaide, s., at 8.15 a.m., for Adelaide.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Arrival: March 29, Gulf of Martaban, s., from London; Desdemona, ship, from New York.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Arrival: Menga, barque, from Melbourne, at Kaipara.

(For Continuation of Shipping see Page 7.)

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average annual rainfall for 40 years, 49·502.
Average for 41 years from January 1 to February 28, 8·624.
Total rainfall from January 1, 1899, to March 30, 4·585.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 30·061.
Temperature.—Max., 78°; min., 58·7°.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 58°.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Eucla, 29·96; Streaky Bay, 30·04; Adelaide, 30·01; Robe, 29·92; Portland, 29·89; Melbourne, 29·93; Wilson's Promontory, 29·89; Gabo Island, 29·71; Cape St. George, 30·03; Sydney, 30·06; Newcastle, 30·09; Port Macquarie, 30·15; Clarence Heads, 30·14; Brisbane, 30·12; Rockhampton, 30·08; Mackay, 30·04; Cooktown, 29·94.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy to dull in western districts, fine and clear on the coast.
New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy generally.
South Australia.—Overcast and hazy in the interior, fine on the coast.
Victoria and Straits.—Fine but cloudy on the coast, fine and clear inland.
Queensland.—Fine, with scattered clouds.
Central and Northern Australia.—Unsettled generally.
New Zealand.—Showery in the north, fine and clear in central and southern districts.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, N., light, dull, sea smooth; Ballina, N.E., light, dull, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea moderate; Macleay Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Port Stephens, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, N.E., fresh, hazy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; South Head, N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Wollongong, N.E., fresh, hazy, sea smooth; Kiama, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Ulladulla, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, S., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, N., fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, SW., strong, cloudy, misty, sea moderate.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.
Northern Territory.—Light.

FORECAST.

New South Wales.—Generally unsettled, with rain in western districts, and some thunderstorms. Fine weather and light winds in Sydney.—H. C. Russell.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY FORECASTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS, BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—The period will open with weather chiefly fair, but cloudy, with increasing temperature, followed speedily by generally unsettled conditions, with some rain and thunder, especially in the southern half, where shifts of wind from N.N.W. to S.S.W., blowing fresh to strong, will obtain, with cooler weather under northern sides of Antarctic disturbances "Sanat" and "Fohat." Before Tuesday afternoon the monsoon "Pascal" will probably affect the north-west. Vessels leaving Sydney for western ports during the next three days will experience strong winds between W.N.W. and S.W., with roughish water and strong head seas in Bass Straits.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Generally very unsettled, with rain and heavy westerlies to southerlies, especially over Tasmania, with rising or rough seas thereafter moderating, the disturbances "Sanat" and "Fohat" being the operating factors.

Western Australia.—Further considerable rain, thunderstorms, and strong variable squalls and local blows in many parts north from the parallel of North-west Cape, finer weather spells intervening, generally fine elsewhere, except showers and N. to W. squalls along the southern coast; but before Tuesday a new Antarctic disturbance named "Fohat" will pass between the meridians of the Leeuwin and Eucla, preceded by a heat wave and followed by more wet weather. A cool change and strong W.S.W. winds in the southern parts generally.

Northern Territory.—The monsoon "Pascal" will produce generally the same conditions as those forecast for the tropical portion of Western Australia. Winds very variable.

South Australia.—Unsettled, local rain squalls, and thunderstorms; thereafter same as for southern districts of Western Australia under northern edges of disturbances "Sanat" and "Fohat" respectively. Monsoon "Pascal" will probably affect parts north from Lake Eyre.

Queensland.—At first weather generally fair, warm, and cloudy, followed thereafter by capricious rain, monsoonal in character in various portions, some electric disturbances, and strong variable squalls, the latter prevailing chiefly in the central and western parts. Conditions are again somewhat suspicious in the neighbourhood of a position 600 miles S.S.E. from New Britain, but no danger at present threatens the coast. Still, captains bound north should be on the alert, and seek immediate shelter should the barometer fall half a tenth in half an hour.

New Zealand.—Along the east coast "Sanat" and "Fohat" respectively will cause spells of bad weather south from Wellington, with rain, and possibly flooding.

New Caledonia.—Generally cloudy and showery. A new tropical depression named "Nadee," evidently exists 600 miles north-west from Gomen.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MARCH 31.

Sun rises at 6.6, sets at 5.52; Moon, 8.26 p.m., 9.28 a.m.; Mercury, 7.28 a.m., 6.23 p.m.; Venus, 2.48 a.m., 4.2 p.m.; Mars, 2.17 p.m., 12.7 a.m.; Jupiter, 7.7 p.m., 8.29 a.m.; Saturn, 9.48 p.m., 12.2 p.m.
New moon, 12th; full moon, 27th.
High water at Fort Denison, 10.49 a.m., 11.14 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland; Victoria.—Overland; Queensland.—Overland } 9 a.m.

SATURDAY.

Port Macquarie, Nambucca, and Bellinger Rivers.—Rosedale, 8 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Waikare, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Waiwera, noon.
Brisbane.—Leura, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—St. George, 3 p.m.
Manning River.—Coraki, 3 p.m.
Lord Howe and Norfolk Islands, New Hebrides, and Banks Group and Santa Cruz.—Victoria, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Noumea.—Armand Behic, 9 p.m.
Batavia and Singapore, from Townsville.—Duke of Norfolk, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Richmond River.—Tomki, 1 p.m.
Nelligen.—Peterborough, 2 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius (overland to Adelaide, and thence per Omrah), 4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Omrah (letters addressed to persons on board), overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Omrah, 5.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 5.30 p.m.
Dunedin, &c., N.Z., and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Tarawera, 5.30 p.m.
Gilbert and Ellice Islands.—Titus, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—City of Grafton, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Hobart.—India, 10 a.m.
Hobart.—Tarabo, 11 a.m.
Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Mararoa, 3 p.m.
Tahiti and Rarotonga, from Auckland.—Ovalau, 3 p.m.
Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga.—Taviuni, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY.

Launceston, via Eden.—Tekapo, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Chingtu, 2 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

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Three Pictures from Photographs by the "Mail's" Photographer.
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"John Danks and Son Proprietary, Limited, are exhibiting largely in windmills, pumps, and various water-raising appliances. Their exhibit of windmills is very large, and most of these are shown at work. The 'Steel Star' windmills, of which there are several shown, are made of iron, the towers being of steel. The sails and the frames for the mills are made in black steel, and afterwards galvanised, thus making it an impossibility for any of the parts to rust. The mill tower and brass pump is capable of raising up to 300 gallons per hour. Several of the mills are on low frames, so that a thorough examination of the articles can be made. All the mills exhibited are self-regulating, as they turn away from any gale that may spring up suddenly, but as soon as the gale subsides the mill then faces the breeze and is in proper working trim again. The exhibit of pumps at work is very large. The first pump at work which attracts attention is a tin, centrifugal of the firm's own make. This pump can raise up to 750 gallons per minute. The centrifugal pumps made are evidently very strong. Some very useful attachments have been made to the pump. There is also exhibited Danks's Monitor pump, which is worked by steam power. This pump discharges a large quantity of water, and is easily worked by hand, horse, or steam power. There can be seen pumps for nearly every purpose, from the ordinary lift or cottage pump to treble-barrel pumps for deep wells. The assortment at the stand is an extremely varied one. At work also can be seen the Pulsometer pump for raising large quantities of water by steam taken from a tube. The ejector or water-lifter is also shown, which is easily fixed. This water-raiser is worked by steam power. There is a hydraulic ram set up in motion and worked by a fall of water from an elevated tank. As long as a fall of water can be obtained the hydraulic ram will always be at work. There are very few parts in this article subject to any great wear. In two or three instances glass pumps and glass hydraulic rams are at work, and visitors and others can receive a great deal of instruction by watching the work. Another pump that is fixed is of a novel character. It is what is called a 'bucket pump.' Each of the small buckets attached to the wheel when being lowered into the well takes with it a certain quantity of air, thus aerating the water and purifying it for domestic use. This class of pump raises a large quantity of water, and a boy can work one for a well 80ft. deep quite easily. At work is the Penberthy injector, which is fixed to supply a large 14-horsepower portable engine. For feeding engines with water these injectors are admirable. This firm makes a very large display of fire brigade material. Amongst this will be found a splendid manual fire engine, firebells, hydrants, nozzles, unions, fire hose, &c. For street-watering purposes there is the Marrickville spreader. This will be found useful for councils, cricket clubs, and bowling greens for the purposes of watering either streets or cricket and bowling greens. There are several other articles shown for watering gardens, lawns, &c. Spray pumps are exhibited in large variety. For those engaged in pastoral pursuits there are several sizes of sheep and cattle troughing. With this patent troughing no rivets are required, but by simply screwing down two nuts attached to a semicircular band or hoop which passes round the troughing the joint is made perfectly watertight. In a shed is a very large assortment of brasswork for engineers, plumbers, gasfitters, and others. A very fine show is made of water meters of the firm's manufacture; also general plumbers' brasswork, as stamped by the board. There is a nice display of articles made up in a special metal. These articles have the appearance of being plated, but the goods are made of special metal, which always keeps its bright colour. This firm are manufacturers of sheet lead, lead, tin, and compo. pipe, and an assortment of each class of these goods is exhibited. A variety of electric bells, indicators, batteries, &c., is also shown. There will also be found on view ingot copper, copper rod, copper tube, block tin, tin speaking tubes, wrought-iron pipes and fittings, sheet brass, brass tube, sheet copper, and a new patent metal named 'velocite.'"

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FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1899.

A proclamation was issued yesterday proroguing Parliament until Tuesday, April 11. There were very few developments in political circles yesterday, and as a matter of fact most of the Ministers were absent from their offices, and very few politicians were in town. A good deal of speculation was indulged in as to the probable names of the new members of the Upper House. It is pointed out that the course taken by the Government was the only legitimate one open to it. It has been ascertained that there is a distinct majority of the labour party against any proposal to include representatives of labour in the nomination of new members. The labour party as a body holds that the only question that would justify the swamping of the Upper House with labour representatives was the question of reforming or abolishing that Chamber.

Yesterday was the official opening day of the Royal Agricultural Society's annual show at Moore Park. The ceremony was performed by his Excellency the Acting-Governor, who was subsequently entertained at the official luncheon. Large numbers of the general public visited the grounds during the day.

A traveller named Cobbold, who has been expelled by the Russians from the Pamirs, in Central Asia, found that Russia was ready, in the event of the death of the Ameer to annex northern Afghanistan.

The Viceroy of India, in addressing the Council of India at Calcutta, hinted that momentous changes in the financial and currency systems would probably be announced in the Budget. The estimates for the year would be based on the value of the rupee being 1s 3½d.

During the months of February and March the American forces in the Philippines had 157 men killed and 864 wounded in engagements with the Filipinos. The headquarters of the rebels have been removed from Malolos to San Fernando, north-west of the Bay of Manila. The South Dakota Regiment on Monday crossed the open in brilliant style, charging the Filipinos in the thickets beyond Tariloo, to the north of Manila. The guns of the Utah detachment demolished the enemy's trench works. Fifteen Americans were killed and 35 wounded in the engagement.

Leading newspapers of Berlin deny that Mataafa has abandoned his claims to the kingship of Samoa. They also accuse Mr. Chamberlain of underrating the preponderance of German interests at the group. The London "Daily Chronicle" says that Germany must recall her Consul-General in Samoa or quit the protectorate. The London "Standard" anticipates that the Anglo-American action against Mataafa will be endorsed by the respective Governments. It hopes that the same view will be taken in Berlin.

The French Government has apologised to the British Government for the recent attack by French sailors upon the bluejackets of H.M.S. Venus at Villefranche.

In an interview with a representative of the "St. James's Gazette," Mr. E. H. Wittenoom, Agent-General for Western Australia, admitted that the criticisms of the journal on the system prevailing in that colony of indenturing natives were justified, except as regards the Government treating the matter in a lenient manner. He added that newspapers unfairly attached extreme importance to isolated cases of unfair treatment of aboriginals.

After a sharp conflict 1500 Ibos, a tribe in Southern Nigeria, Africa, have surrendered to the British. As a result a vast area of British territory westward of Akassa, at the mouth of the Niger, has been opened up.

The Czar of Russia will make the subject of international arbitration the chief question to be discussed at the Peace Conference. Great Britain will energetically support the question.

President Kruger, of the Transvaal, and his Ministers, will visit Johannesburg during the Easter holidays.

The late Mr. Vincent Lean has bequeathed £50,000 towards the extension of the reading room of the British Museum, £50,000 towards the Bristol Library, and £20,000 towards Mr. G. Muller's Orphanage, Bristol.

Advices from Capetown state that Mr. Marais, a member of the Dutch party, has been elected to the House of Assembly for the seat lately occupied by Sir Richard Siveright, who was a member of the late Ministry. Sir Richard's defeat is attributed to his absence in England.

The scheme for the partial mobilisation of the defence forces of the colony was put into operation yesterday. Troops forming the various divisions were concentrated at the forts, the old toll-bar, Botany, Victoria Barracks, Newcastle, and Rookwood. The whole of the men who will take part in the manœuvres will be under canvas at about 9 o'clock this morning.

A remarkable find of stolen property was made at Broken Hill on Monday. In Railway Town provisions and a bicycle had been stolen, and the police, with a black tracker, after following the circuitous track of the "bike" for over 20 miles, ran it to a camp where numerous excavations were discovered connected with one another like a rabbit warren. In this place large quantities of stolen property were found. The police then went after a man whom they had met, but he escaped into the hills.

On Wednesday night the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Linnean Society was held at the Linnean Hall, Elizabeth Bay, under the presidency of Professor J. T. Wilson, M.B., Ch.M.

At Perth the Steamship Owners' Association has refused to take part in a conference at which the secretary of the Lumpers' Association should be a delegate, on the ground that he was not one of their employés, while they would not recognise him by virtue of his position as secretary of the union.

Yesterday brought to a close what had practically been a holiday week in the Stock and Share market so far as investment stocks were concerned. The various other markets also closed. In the Mining market business was somewhat less brisk than on Wednesday, and Western Australian gold companies closed with scarcely so strong a tone.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 112 bales of wool arrived, and 31 were received coastwise.

Yesterday's customs revenue amounted to £4062.

The R.M.S. Ophir left Colombo, outwards, on the 27th instant.

At this season of the year, when the Christian world is commemorating its great Ideal and the introduction of its influence into the life and thought of the race, it is not altogether reassuring to think that the reign of peace which should be the direct outcome of the complete acceptance of the Christian ideal is still far from being established. While the Churches of civilisation throughout the world are recalling to mind by their solemn offices the great event from which they have their being, a condition of strife is existing in the Philippines, and the guns of the warships of two nations are disturbing the peaceful echoes of Samoa. The natives of that Pacific group are by this time in all probability paying the usual price that native races everywhere have to pay for the introduction of civilisation, and the quarrels of white men are being adjusted at the expense of people of another colour and tradition. This is not the way of wafting the Gospel story that good Bishop Heber sang, but it is a sufficiently commonplace repetition of a familiar chapter of history. Nor are the signs of warlike disturbance confined to remote Pacific islets. The Czar's Rescript of Peace, from which good men in all countries hoped so much, is having its sequel in Russian orders for the supply of quick-firing guns for the Czar's artillery forces. Germany is increasing her effective strength, and France is again fortifying Cherbourg. In Great Britain the special efforts put forward to secure an overwhelming navy are said to be likely to result in an approaching deficit of about a million sterling and an addition to the income tax. The United States, which stood so long in protest against war, and as a standing argument for international peace, has been drawn into the vortex with the rest. The great European war, so long threatened, has indeed been averted up to the present; but if the gigantic preparations now going on in all directions mean anything they must be taken as going to show that the cataclysm is only deferred for a time, and that the condition of things described in the old phrase, "the truce of God," is still far from being realised.

In times of prolonged peace we are apt to exaggerate the civilising tendencies of the time, and the elimination of the primitive savage fighting instinct. We are apt to forget that man is essentially a fighting animal. The veneer of civilisation disguises the aboriginal instincts, and misleads the too optimistic observer, so that he is apt to forget to remember the old aphorism, applicable more or less to other races as well as the Muscovite, that it only needs a scratch on the outer shell of civilisation to arouse the Tartar underneath. Yet war is always repeating for us the same old lesson. The long peace after Waterloo gave rise to an impression that the fighting instincts of Englishmen had become atrophied by disuse, until the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny awoke the slumbering Berserk-rage. The sternness with which the mutiny was punished was hardly excelled by that which led Tamerlane to make monuments of the skulls of his foes, and the fighting men of British race who blew the mutineers in pieces from the mouths of cannon only paralleled the wholesale impalement of the vanquished which celebrated the successes of the old Assyrian conquerors. The essential barbarity of war, and the contrast between the normal instincts of a highly-civilised people and the slaughterous impulses of the same people under stress of circumstances, were sufficiently exemplified in the destruction of the Spanish fleet off Santiago. It was the fortune of war, a cruel necessity, the logical outcome of the skill and scientific knowledge deliberately expended on the preparation of ships and weapons of precision for the accomplishment of that very purpose. Yet, if we divest it of all these considerations, and regard the incident in itself, it must stand as a momentary relapse into the barbarism of the Stone Age before Christianity or civilisation was thought of. The warships that are at present engaged in shelling the Samoan villages may be discharging a work of necessity, though on that point there is too much room for the most serious differences of opinion. But the crude tragedy of the fact itself is not to be disguised or minimised by the statement that "the practice from the Royalist was beautiful," or that "the Philadelphia and the two British ships have done some magnificent shooting." However much the realities of the case may be concealed by phrases, the fact stands that war under any circumstances, and whatever the excuse of necessity, must always remain a slaughter grim and cruel.

Is it a sign of the recrudescence of the fighting spirit to find in the forms of words by which the incidents of battle are described a tendency to admire this superior destructiveness and precision of weapons? In the descriptions which have reached us of the engagements between the American and the Filipino combatants the same tendency was observable. The cruisers did splendid service, we were told, when their machine guns and great shells smashed up the Filipino ranks like stubble. There was no more equality of conditions then than there was when Cervera's doomed ships made their desperate sortie from Santiago, or when the cruisers shelled the Samoan villages, or when the naked Matabele were mown down by the fire of Maxim guns. The admiration here is not for any feat of personal gallantry or courage, but merely for mechanical effectiveness. If dynamite bombs wreck a city from a distance of several miles, or if a warship should succeed in dropping a shell into a mass of men from some point out of sight, the tragedy of the thing is forgotten in admiration of the aim and its success. Yet if an accident in a factory or a railway collision caused the loss of a mere fraction of the human lives so sacrificed a shudder would thrill the sympathetic sensibilities of civilisation. But the incongruity is logical enough. So long as war exists the victory is to the nation which is best armed and which can command the best fighting qualities among its soldiers. It is still only the "strong man armed" who can keep his court, and the Power that allows itself to fall behind in the race of preparation has the fate of Spain before it as a warning. The Christian ideal is now, as ever, a force making for righteousness in the world, and that its Gospel of Peace has not been preached in vain the course of history for the past two thousand years bears convincing testimony. But it has not yet civilised war out of existence, nor eradicated the primitive instincts of the race, though it has done more than any other influence to hold them in check and substitute for them something higher and better.

Quite a number of cases have recently been reported where people, neglecting the simplest precautions, have contributed to the ending of their own lives. It was only the other day that a little girl drank a quantity of kerosene in mistake for something else, with fatal consequences, whilst a few days afterwards a woman mistook carbolic acid for Condy's fluid, with equally disastrous results. In fact this sort of misadventure is the commonplace of fatal casualty, and its frequent repetition entitles us to ask whether the regulations that apply to the sale of poisons and dangerous drugs are sufficient. It is true that chemists are bound to label all poisons sold, but when we remember the ignorance of some and the carelessness of all—how everyone at some time or other is subject to unaccountable fits of absent-mindedness—it may be questioned whether the elementary precaution of putting a ticket inscribed "Poison" on every bottle that contains it is sufficient. In fact, as so many unfortunate affairs prove to us, it is not sufficient, although it is doubtful whether the law can do anything more. The remedy is to be supplied by the people who handle and use dangerous drugs. If all such would but realise that a very trifling mistake may mean death or lifelong disablement—that to be reckless in matters of this kind is the height of folly when it concerns oneself, and little short of criminal when it affects anyone else—then, perhaps, we should hear of fewer of these perfectly gratuitous sacrifices of human life.

Children are generally the sufferers by the carelessness of persons who use poisons; indeed, if this were not the case it might scarcely be worth while descanting upon the evil. Grown-up people might be supposed to be able to exercise sufficient intelligence to prevent them offering themselves up as victims in this fashion, although even to adults a word or two of caution ought not to be amiss. If people would only remember that a poison bottle is as dangerous a thing as a loaded gun, and that it ought to be regarded in much the same light—to be kept safely under lock and key when it is not actually required for use—then those distressing and unnecessary tragedies of which we read so often might be averted. It does seem a tragic evolution of the law of adverse chance that men and women, not now and then but time after time, should so recklessly cast away their lives—lives which, in every other respect, they have taken the utmost solicitude to preserve. And if this is true of adults it is surely more so when children are concerned. The natural instinct of the little ones—who has not observed it?—is to taste most things, eatables and drinkables, that come within their reach, and, knowing this ruling passion, surely mothers and fathers who leave kerosene within reach of their children are very much to blame.

The sort of carelessness we have referred to runs through so many phases of life that there is every excuse for expatiating on the text, trite as it may seem. It was only the other day that a young fellow shot a companion dead in a Melbourne office as a result of pointing a revolver "in play." It is a paradox that more people are shot by unloaded weapons than by those that are known to be charged. There is, of course, in cases of this kind not the excuse to offer that may be made when poisons are carelessly left about, for the man who points a pistol or gun at another is actuated by a spirit of insane horseplay that countless tragic warnings seem unable to eradicate. But even where the "I didn't know it was loaded" excuse is not offered there are much recklessness and stupidity exhibited in the handling of firearms, and there is really less palliation for this neglect than can be found for many minor acts of stupid neglect. The very knowledge that the element of danger may always be supposed to lurk in the firearm ought to impose a double caution on him who handles it. Very often, though, the recklessness displayed is in inverse proportion to the caution that is demanded. And that remark applies to many acts of our daily life which should be cautiously undertaken. For instance, nothing is commoner in Sydney than to see some heavily-laden dray or other vehicle racing through the streets without any sort of control, and to the imminent risk of the lives and limbs of pedestrians. Yet nearly all these "runaways" could be prevented by the exercise of a little forethought and common sense, which one is often inclined to think is so designated because it is so rare. At any rate, it is always absent in those cases where life is sacrificed owing to the neglect of the most ordinary precautions, precautions which no amount of legislative enactment will force people to adopt. Many seem to think that because there are laws to regulate certain matters, because the sale of poisons and the carrying of firearms are to a certain extent supervised by the law, individuals are thereby relieved of all responsibility. As a matter of fact the very existence of laws on these subjects ought to impress upon all the necessity of caution at every stage. It is certain that many valued lives are lost and much suffering and anguish caused by failure to grasp this fact.

It is somewhat unfortunate that the Government cannot at once find suitable housing for Mr. Mitchell's valuable gift of Australian literature to the nation. As the donor's offer was first understood, it was an indispensable condition that proper accommodation should be found, and it was the least the Government could do, if it really appreciated the value of the proposed gift, to immediately set to work to supply that condition. At present, as we understand, the intention is to house the Mitchell gift temporarily in the building adjoining the Public Library. The plan is open to various objections, of which two only need be particularised. First of all, this house is not fit for the accommodation of these books, and for the use of them by the public. The country should have a keener sense of the patriotism of Mr. Mitchell's offer than to stow away his books somewhere, in a position where they cannot be placed to advantage. A library of this sort cannot be shifted about after a haphazard fashion. It has to be indexed and catalogued and arranged scientifically. So far as that is concerned, the Principal Librarian and his assistants may be trusted to do the work properly; but it is hard upon them that they should have to undertake a work which will afterwards have to be undone and done over again. Some people think that all that is wanted for fixing up a library is a sufficient number of shelves on which to place books. This certainly does not exhaust the requirements in the case of so valuable a gift as Mr. Mitchell's. The books which he gives the nation should be housed once and for all in a suitable place—not stored here one day and in another quarter to-morrow. The necessity for providing a suitable building is emphasised by the donor's undertaking to spend a large sum annually in making additions to his valuable collection, and thus keeping it up to date.

The Annandale Council desires to conduct its proceedings in future in a town hall of its own, which in itself is by way of being an eminently praiseworthy ambition. We might be the more inclined to admire it, however, if it were not for an uncomfortable misgiving that in the past many of the councils which now conduct their proceedings in pretentious, not to say palatial, town halls would have better discharged their duty to the ratepayers had they spent their income on drainage and street-making, and other useful even if not always ornamental improvements. It used to be said of Melbourne that if the money spent in building suburban town halls had been disbursed on a scheme of sewerage many lives sacrificed to typhoid would have been saved. But it does not appear that any such reproach is to be allowed to lie at the doors of the Annandale Council. The aldermen the other night were of frugal mind, and they evidently thought that they could get a building for £900 quite good enough for the wants of the borough. The sum is moderate when compared with the amounts spent elsewhere, and yet it is doubtless quite sufficient for every purpose that a building of the sort might be expected to fulfil. It would be a good sign if this action on the part of the Annandale aldermen could be taken as an indication of a prevailing mood among suburban councils. Most of them have already built their palatial town halls, and are now pleasantly occupied in devising ways and means to meet the interest. But to those still unprovided with council chambers the example of Annandale may be recommended.

THE "MAIL'S" SHOW NUMBER.—A city edition of this week's "Sydney Mail" contains—with a full report of the Royal Show now being held at Moore Park—more than 30 pictures from photographs and sketches taken on Wednesday, the judging day. Many of the novelties and most of the champion horses and cattle are admirably portrayed, and apart from this the number gives in its 24 illustrated pages good pictorial reports of current events.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS FROM NEW ZEALAND.—The Countess of Ranfurly, Lady Constance Knox, and the Hon. Charles Hill Trevor will leave Auckland on Monday next for Sydney by Messrs. Huddart, Parker, and Co.'s steamer Westralia. The vessel will arrive here on Friday next.

THE MILITARY COMMANDANT.—In a supplement to the "Government Gazette" issued yesterday it is officially announced that Major-General George Arthur French, R.A., C.M.G., has had the terms of his engagement as commandant of the military forces of the colony extended for another two years from the 3rd proximo.

NEW SOUTH WALES LANCERS FOR LONDON.—A cable from Natal was yesterday received advising the arrival there of the Aberdeen line steamer Nineveh after a very quick run of 17 days from Albany.

THE RIVAL RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS.—The tension which has existed for some time past between the military authorities and the National Rifle Association has now come to an end. It led to the establishment of a defence force rifle association, which was created specially for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the military in respect more particularly of promoting matches under service conditions. Hitherto the National Association had received from the Government a grant of £1000 a year, and as the new society was considered to have a decided claim upon the assistance of the State, the question arose as to what extent the older association would suffer. The matter involved was discussed by the Premier with Colonel Longfield, chairman of the National Rifle Association, on Wednesday, and it is said that the subject was treated in a very amicable spirit. The conclusion was arrived at that the old association had rendered valuable service to the community by producing many marksmen, and that there was no reason whatever why it should not continue as heretofore. But there was an indication on the part of the Premier that inasmuch as the older association was relieved to a certain extent of some of the functions it had carried out by the more recently established association it could not expect to receive the same grant from the Government as hitherto. Before placing any amount on the Estimates the Premier would, he said, see Colonel Longfield again. The Colonel says he considers that the interview he had with Mr. Reid was a highly satisfactory one.

STOPPAGE OF THE NORTH SHORE CABLE TRAMWAY.—Shortly after 9 o'clock last evening a serious interruption of the traffic on the North Shore cable tramway took place, owing to the breakage of the main cable. The mishap necessitated a complete stoppage of the entire cable system between Milson's Point and Ridge-street, and was of such a nature that it was soon apparent the traffic could not be resumed that night. With a view to minimising the inconvenience to the travelling public, Mr. Kneeshaw, traffic superintendent, arranged for a service of 'buses to take up the running, but an unavoidable delay of about an hour took place before the first 'bus was despatched on its journey. Thenceforward omnibuses were sent away on the arrival of each boat, under the direction of Mr. Tyres, officer in charge at North Sydney. The breakage necessitated the main engine at the power-house, Ridge-street, being stopped. As this engine is also used in connection with the running of the electric trams to Mosman and Willoughby some slight modification in those services had to be made. All available labour was at once engaged in effecting repairs, which, it is anticipated, will be carried out by this morning, when it is hoped the traffic will be resumed.

THE REVENUE FOR THE PAST NINE MONTHS.—The revenue of the colony for the nine months ended March 31 of the present financial year 1898-9 compared with that of 1897-8 is as follows:—Three-quarter year ended March 31, 1899, £6,935,510; three-quarter year ended March 31, 1898, £6,710,394; increase, £225,116. The comparison for the quarters shows:—For quarter ended March 31, 1898, £2,298,075; for quarter ended March 31, 1899, £2,258,529; decrease, £39,546. The principal decreases for the quarter are on the following heads of revenue:—Stamp duties, £15,000; land tax, £77,000; income tax, £23,000; total, £115,000. It may be pointed out that the decrease in the land tax receipts has been allowed for in the Treasurer's estimates. The decrease in the income tax receipts, however, will be received at a later period this year.

THE WAGGA CIRCUIT COURT.—His Honor Mr. Justice Simpson requests us to announce that the civil business listed for disposal at the Wagga Circuit Court will not be commenced until Friday next, and jurymen summoned for the trial of civil causes need not attend until that day. The jury summoned for the criminal cases must attend on Wednesday morning.

CLOSE OF THE JURY SITTINGS.—The sittings of the Courts engaged in the trial of jury causes came to a conclusion yesterday, and business in this jurisdiction will not be resumed until the end of May, upon the termination of the Full Court work, which commences on the first of that month. With regard to two of the Jury Courts the list has been practically cleared off, but in No. 1 the list was a long one, and about 24 cases go over as remanets. During the sittings no case was heard which could come under the category of a cause celebre, and there were a number of actions in which the defendants did not appear, as the amount at issue was comparatively unimportant. In several matters, however, some knotty points of law were involved, which will, in due course, come before the Full Court.

THE CIRCUIT COURTS.—The jury causes having come to an end, the Common Law Judges, and also Mr. Justice Walker, will for the next three weeks be engaged in circuit. The following arrangements have been made to deal with the business:—Mr. Justice Owen will take Maitland, Tamworth, and Armidale; Mr. Justice Simpson, Wagga Wagga, Albury, and Deniliquin; Mr. Justice Cohen, Hay, Young, Yass, and Goulburn; Mr. Justice Walker, Mudgee, Dubbo, and Bathurst; and Mr. Justice Gibson, Broken Hill. A Judge, who has not yet been selected, is to take the Grafton Circuit.

BUTTER EXHIBITS AT THE SHOW.—The success of the Berry Central Factory in securing three first prizes and the championship of the Royal Agricultural Society's Show for butter is significant of the good results attending the efforts of the Department of Agriculture in fostering the great dairying industry. The butter exhibited by this factory was made from pasteurised cream and ripened with the pure lactic acid cultures supplied by the Department of Agriculture and prepared in the laboratory of the dairy expert (Mr. M. A. O'Callaghan). Mr. Cook, Minister for Agriculture, looks upon the pleasing result of his officers' labours as a triumph, because the Berry Factory was the only one that used the department's cultures for ripening their exhibits. Moreover, the cream from the separating station from which this butter was made was considered to be too inferior for export, and never kept well until the department induced them to adopt pasteurising and proper ripening, with the result that they now beat all others. It is also worth noticing, as a matter for congratulation to the Government, that the manager of the Berry factory received his first lessons in pasteurising and preparing "starter" from pure culture from the dairy expert. Mr. Cook expresses the opinion that the success attending the use of these cultures will mean that others will have to adopt them if they are to keep in line with the improving standard of our butter, and he considers that the outlook for our butter production and export is very promising.

THE DAWES POINT RESERVE.—The desirability of preserving the historical site, Dawes Point, in the shape of a public reserve has been brought under the notice of the Premier by Mr. Spruson, M.L.A. In a letter to Mr. Reid on the subject Mr. Spruson states:—"Whilst fully appreciating the desire of the Government to facilitate vehicle transit across the harbour, and admitting the necessity of providing another ferry dock in the vicinity of Dawes Point, I am yet free to urge the varying of the present proposal on two grounds, namely:—(1) In order to preserve a site second to none on this continent in point of historical interest, and admirably adapted for, and urgently required for, a park; and (2) in order to facilitate traffic." Mr. Spruson admits to the Premier he is aware that certain professional officers of the Works Department oppose the proposal, but that fact did not discourage him from maintaining the practicability of forming a park on the reserve. He directs the Premier's attention to the proposed resumption of 20 acres of land at Kurnel (Botany), where it is supposed that Captain Cook landed, the object being "for the preservation of a supposed historical site," and points out that equally interesting are the historical events associated with Dawes Point, for it was there that on February 7, 1788, all the colonists then in New South Wales assembled to hear read the King's commission declaring the limits of the territory, also to hear the laws establishing the courts of judicature, and was the memorable occasion in which Governor Phillip delivered the first official address heard on the Australian continent, in which he depicted with eloquent vision the future of the new world whose government then began. Under these circumstances Mr. Spruson claims the sympathetic assistance of the Premier in carrying his proposal into effect.

NAVAL NEWS.—The Union Company's steamer Taviuni, which arrived last night, reports that when she left the following warships were at Samoa:—Porpoise, Tauranga, Royalist (British), Philadelphia (American), and Falke (German).

THE MAIL STEAMERS.—The French mail steamer Armand Behic cleared Port Phillip last evening for Sydney, and will be here to-morrow morning. The Austral is due from London at 10 a.m. to-day, and is to come in to a berth at the Orient Company's wharf at Circular Quay. To-morrow the P. and O. Company's Australia is due at Adelaide. She will be there early in the afternoon, and is expected to arrive at Sydney on Thursday next. The Ophir left Colombo on the 27th instant for Albany. The Oceana, hence March 8, arrived at Colombo on Wednesday morning, the 29th instant.

LENTEN MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S.—Lee Williams's sacred cantata "Gethsemane," chosen for the special service at St. Andrew's Cathedral last night, is a longer work than those which have preceded it this Holy Week. It may be summed up as "musicianly," and thus for the most part its good qualities are just those which do not appeal to the mass of a congregation. Mr. Montagu Younger successfully conducted the choir, and Miss Wilkinson played the organ accompaniment. "Gethsemane" was originally written for chorus and orchestra, and as it happens the accompaniments are the most interesting portions of the whole. The choir achieved a vigorous and effective ensemble in "O Saviour Christ, Thy Soldiers We," and where the theme merged into the melody of the Old One Hundredth the elaborate organ part was brilliantly rendered. The same remark applies to the accompaniment to the baritone solo, "Awake! Awake!" given with dramatic force by Mr. Gordon. The solo makes a good song, and is vocally effective. Mr. Searl rendered carefully and well the thankless music of the tenor part—consisting chiefly of recitative, which, unlike Bach's, expresses nothing in particular. Master Massey sang with a measure of acceptance the contralto solos. The final chorus melted into the air of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," with a clever and elaborate accompani-

ment, and the hymn itself was employed to close the service. This evening Stainer's cantata "The Crucifixion" will be given.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Maria M'Gee, aged 70, was found dead in bed at her late residence, 9 Hart's-buildings, Gloucester-street, early yesterday morning. The deceased had, it is stated, been ailing for some time past, and was found dead at 4 o'clock by a woman who had been attending her and who had left her about five hours previously. The matter was reported to the City Coroner, who, however, dispensed with an inquest.

THE TRAM FATALITY.—Yesterday morning the City Coroner (Mr. J. C. Woore) held an inquiry at the Court, Chancery-square, concerning the death of William Gibbon, aged 11, which took place on the previous day in the Sydney Hospital in consequence of injuries received through being run over by a tram near the intersection of King and Elizabeth streets. Several witnesses were examined, and, though none were positive as to the manner in which the deceased fell under the tram, it was unanimously stated that in their efforts to extricate from beneath the car the injured boy the tramway officials were considerably hampered by the crowd which rapidly assembled. The evidence generally suggested that, as the boy attempted to jump on the moving Newtown tram, he missed his footing and fell in front of the bogey wheels of the car. The Glebe Point tram-driver, who had just pulled up at the corner of King-street, saw the accident, and blew his whistle three times, which caused the other tram to stop. At the inquest Messrs. Kneeshaw and Downe were present to watch the case on behalf of the Tramway Department. The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of accidental death.

A FIRE BRIGADE HORSE KILLED.—On Wednesday afternoon the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, through an accident, lost one of their best and most intelligent horses. No. 2 Station had received a call to an alleged fire at Ultimo, and the engine had reached the junction of Thomas and Jones streets when a cart, which was being driven in the opposite direction, pulled across the road on to the wrong side. Before the engine could be pulled up the shaft of the cart penetrated the right side of the horse on the off side of the engine, inflicting injuries from which death resulted in a few minutes. The horse in question was a dark bay, 9 years old, known as Maori. He was exceptionally docile and intelligent, and was one of the favourite horses owned by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. He was one of the animals specially selected to take part in the exhibition of "harness drill" at the fire brigade demonstration in connection with the Royal Agricultural Show. Maori's death is much regretted by all the officers and men of the M.F.B., with whom he was a general favourite.

It is notified elsewhere that the Art Gallery will be closed to-day.

The Railway Commissioners announce that the ordinary time-tables will be in force on all city lines to-day. On the Randwick-Waverley line a special service will be run between Bondi Junction and Coogee, commencing at 8 a.m. Additional trams will be run on the Enfield, Mosman, and Willoughby lines as required. In connection with the Agricultural Show at Moore Park special trams will run at frequent intervals from Bent-street and the railway steps, commencing at 8.54 a.m.

The steamer Newcastle will leave the Newcastle Steamship Company's Wharf at 10 o'clock this morning on an excursion to the Hawkesbury.

A conference of delegates from about a dozen of the co-operative societies will be held at 227 Castlereagh-street on Easter Monday. Mr. R. J. Fairbairn, the representative of the English Wholesale Society, will be present, and among the subjects to be discussed are the following:—1. Joint buying of stocks by the co-operative societies. 2. The best means for enabling the productive and distributive societies to work together. 3. Legislation affecting co-operative societies. 4. Co-operative land settlement.

It is the intention of the Fire Brigades' Board to shortly call for tenders for the construction of a new station at Paddington to take the place of the station (No. 11 M.F.B.), recently taken over from the Paddington No. 1 Volunteer Brigade.

The tenders of James Kidman for supplies to the undermentioned institutions have been accepted by the New South Wales Government:—Easter encampments at Rookwood, Middle Head, South Head, Bare Island, George's Head, Chowder Bay, Hornsby, Coogee, Bondi, Constitution Hill, and Victoria Barracks, also canteens; Hospital for Insane, Gladesville; Hospital for Insane, Callan Park; Hospital for Insane, Parramatta; Government Asylum, Liverpool; Government Asylum, George-street, Parramatta; Government Asylum, Macquarie-street, Parramatta; Government Asylum, Cottage Homes, Parramatta; Government Asylum, Rookwood; Government Asylum, Newington; Biloela Gaol, Trial Bay Prison, N.S.S. Sobraon, Coast Hospital (Little Bay), Leper Lazaret (Little Bay), Reception-house for the Insane, Shaftesbury Reformatory, Darlinghurst Gaol, metropolitan district, and all places not otherwise provided for.

A social was held at the Exhibition-building on Friday, March 24, in aid of the widow and children of the late H. W. Matthews, late of the locomotive department, Redfern yard. Over 700 persons were present. The musical arrangements were under the supervision of Mr. S. Oakis, and were much appreciated, notably the items rendered by Messrs. E. Bliss, H. Wukie, R. Montgomery, Dud. Osborn, and Wal. Ashman, and the graceful dancing of little Miss Pollock. Dancing to the music provided by the Railway Military Band was continued till midnight.

In our comparison of the widths of the Omrah and India in yesterday's issue, that of the former vessel was erroneously given as 50ft. 9in. instead of 56ft. 6in.

Mr. Hughes has received information that owing to the exertions of Messrs. Dick, Fegan, and himself the hours of the employees in the dredge service are to be modified in the direction desired by the men. The alteration is to date from April 1.

The Rev. S. H. Macdade gave another of his exhibitions of lantern pictures at the Aquarium Hall, Manly, on Wednesday evening. The entertainment was attended by a large audience.

On Friday evening last the Rev. F. W. Reeve invited the employees of the various factories in Annandale to a social evening at St. Aidan's Hall, and a large number accepted the invitation. The Vicar entertained his visitors by giving them a conversational lecture on the Tower of London and Windsor Castle, illustrated by hand-painted slides thrown on a screen. Light refreshments were handed round by the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The Vicar also told the Story of the Cross. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Reeve for his kindness.

The Rev. J. D. Landels, who for some years has laboured as the Presbyterian missionary on the island of Malo, and is now on furlough, delivered a highly instructive and entertaining lecture on the New Hebrides at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening. Between 60 and 70 slides illustrated the scenery, people, and missionary work in the group. The Rev. T. J. Curtis presided. The lecturer received a vote of thanks.

The executive of the Evangelical Council has protested to the Minister for Education against the open competition of girls in a swimming carnival at Fitzroy Dock.

General Booth and his staff of the Salvation Army will leave Auckland on Monday next for Sydney by the Huddart-Parker line steamer Westralia, due here next Friday.

The members of the Mental Science Association held their weekly meeting in the School of Arts lecture hall on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Robert White delivered an address on "Hypnotism: Its Uses and Abuses." At the conclusion of the address the president (Dr. Beech) invited questions, which were answered by the lecturer.

On Wednesday afternoon a cashbox, stated to contain about £15 in money, besides some valuable documents, was stolen from the shop of Mr. Robert Anderson, newsvendor, 111 William-street, during the temporary absence from the shop of Mrs. Anderson. Some few minutes later, some children, playing in a lane between Crown and Palmer streets, saw a boy throw the tray of a cashbox over a fence into the backyard of a house in Crown-street, where it was subsequently found and handed to the police.

The following is the report of the Benevolent Asylum for the week ended March 29:—Provisions distributed, 3571 loaves bread, 1425lb. flour, 2165lb. meat, 912lb. sugar, 225lb. tea, 109lb. sago, 148lb. rice, 1lb. arrowroot, 8olb. oatmeal. There were 11 fresh applications for and 14 renewals of relief. Cases reported by the inspectors, 94; in 29 cases the relief was discontinued. Total number of cases relieved, 851, representing 2562 adults and children.

TO-DAY.

Agricultural Show, 10 a.m.
Town Hall, Paddington: Sacred Concert, 8 p.m.
St. Barnabas' Church, 11 and 7.45.
Y.M.C.A. Hall: Recital by Mr. Watchorn, 8 p.m.
Spiritualistic Association: Picnic, Lane Cove, 9.30.
St. Luke's, Concord: Oratorio, "Crucifixion," 7.45 p.m.
St. Mark's, Darling Point, 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 5 p.m.
Church of St. Augustine, Neutral Bay: Special services, Rev. G. North Ash.
Bourke-street Wesleyan Church: 11, Rev. J. K. Turner.
Centenary Hall: 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., Special Lantern Services. Rev. W. G. Taylor.
Sydney Philharmonic Society: Concert, Town Hall, 8 p.m.
St. Philip's, Church-hill, 11 and 7.30.
Wesleyan Church, Lewisham (Boulevard): All-day services.
St. Andrew's Cathedral: 11, the Archbishop; 3.15, the Precentor; 7.30, Bishop of Melanesia.
Palace Theatre: Sacred and Classical Concert, 8 p.m.
Royal Standard Theatre: Sacred and Classical Concert at 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Grand Secular Concert, 8 p.m.
Rosebery Park Races: First Race, 2.35 p.m.
The steamer Birkenhead will leave Circular Quay at 3 p.m., for Clontarf.
Balmoral Beach, Clontarf, Middle Head Encampment; Steamers Bronzewing and Birkenhead leave No. 4 Jetty, Circular Quay, at 10.30, 2.30, 3, and 7.45.
Dancing: Sir Joseph Banks Grounds, Botany, 2.30 to 11.
Bondi Aquarium: Orchestral Organ, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Pearl Bay and Head of Middle Harbour: Lady Hampden leaves Circular Quay at 3 and 8 p.m.
The Cyclorama and Hall of Illusions: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Special Easter Attractions.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE PHILIPPINE WAR.

THE AMERICAN LOSSES.

LONDON, March 29.

During February and March the American troops had 157 men killed and 864 wounded in the fights with the Filipinos.

THE REBELS' HEADQUARTERS REMOVED.

LONDON, March 29.

The headquarters of the Filipinos have been removed from Malolos to San Fernando, on the north-west of the Bay of Manila.

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The South Dakota Regiment on Monday crossed the open in brilliant style and charged the Filipinos in the thickets beyond Tarilao, to the north of Manila. The guns of the Utah detachment demolished the enemy's trench works.

Fifteen Americans were killed and 35 were wounded in the engagement.

POLITICS IN CAPE COLONY.

LONDON, March 30.

Advices from Capetown state that Mr. Marais, a member of the Afrikander Bund, or Dutch party, has been elected to the House of Assembly for Stellenbosch, the seat lately occupied by Sir James Sivewright, who was a member of the late Ministry. The defeat of Sir James Sivewright is attributed to his absence in England.

THE TRANSVAAL.

PRESIDENT KRUGER TO VISIT JOHANNESBURG.

LONDON, March 30.

President Kruger and his Ministers will visit Johannesburg during the Easter holidays.

RUSSIA AND AFGHANISTAN.

LONDON, March 30.

A traveller named Cobbold, who has been expelled from the Pamirs, in Central Asia, by the Russians, found that Russia was ready in the event of the death of the Ameer of Afghanistan to annex Northern Afghanistan.

OPENING UP WESTERN AFRICA.

IBOS SURRENDER TO THE BRITISH.

LONDON, March 29.

After a sharp fight 1500 Ibos, a tribe in Southern Nigeria, surrendered to the British. As a result of the surrender a vast area of British territory westward of Akassa, at the mouth of the Niger, has been opened up.

The Royal Niger Company, the chief representative of British power and influence in Western Africa, administers in Nigeria about 500,000 square miles, which has a population estimated up to 40,000,000. The naval headquarters are at Akassa, which possesses the only "slip" on the west coast of Africa. The Niger delta has a bad climate, but inland it is much healthier. The troops, Haussas principally, with English officers, are chiefly centred at Lokoja, at the junction of the Niger and Benue, about 225 miles due north of Akassa.

THE VILLEFRANCHE AFFRAY.

FRANCE APOLOGISES.

LONDON, March 29.

The French Government has apologised to the British Government for the recent attack by French sailors upon the bluejackets of H.M.S. Venus at Villefranche.

INDENTURING OF NATIVES.

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM CRITICISED.

LONDON, March 29.

Mr. E. H. Wittenoom, Agent-General for Western Australia, has been interviewed by the "St. James' Gazette," which published some trenchant comments upon the system prevailing in Western Australia of indenturing natives. Mr. Wittenoom admits that the criticisms were perfectly justified, except as regards the Government treating the matter in a lenient manner. He added that newspapers unfairly attached extreme importance to isolated cases of aboriginals being treated unfairly.

INDIAN FINANCE.

IMPORTANT CHANGES PROBABLE.

LONDON, March 29.

The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, in addressing the Council of India at Calcutta hinted that momentous changes in the financial and the currency systems would probably be announced in the Budget. The estimates for the year will be based on the value of the rupee being 1s 3¼d.

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

LONDON, March 30.

The report of the directors of the Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Company shows a debit balance of £4749 on the past year's transactions.

The report of the Mortgage Company of South Australia shows a profit of £6703 for the year. A dividend at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum is recommended, and £875 is carried forward.

MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS.

LONDON, March 30.

Mr. Vincent Lean, recently deceased, has bequeathed £50,000 towards the extension of the reading-room of the Bristol Museum, £50,000 towards the British Library, and £20,000 towards the Muller Orphanage, Bristol.

UNDER VICE-REGAL PATRONAGE.
MADAME MASSERAN, CORSETIERE, of Collins-street, Melbourne, begs to inform her clients that she will be at the Hotel Metropole, Sydney, from TUESDAY, the 28th March, until WEDNESDAY, the 12th April.—Advt.

THE CZAR'S PEACE CONFERENCE.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION THE CHIEF QUESTION.

LONDON, March 30.

The Czar of Russia will make the subject of international arbitration the chief question to be discussed at the Peace Conference which is to shortly assemble at the Hague. Great Britain will energetically support the question.

MR. STEAD'S DEPUTATION.

SYMPATHY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, March 30.

A deputation, organised by Mr. W. T. Stead, waited upon the Government yesterday with the view of inducing her Majesty's Ministers to accord their active support to the Czar's Peace Conference. The deputation, which was headed by Dr. Creighton, Bishop of London, urged that the unanimous support of Great Britain should be extended to the peace movement.

Mr. L. H. Courtney, M.P., expressed the hope that Great Britain would be represented by Lord Salisbury.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, expressed his heartiest sympathy with the conference. The necessity for spending so much on armaments, he said, proved the reluctance on the part of the nations to go to war. This reluctance was a great contrast to the feeble peace sentiment of the nations a century ago. The negotiations for Anglo-American arbitration, Mr. Balfour said, were only deferred. The Czar's conference was the first example that all the nations were regarded as one family having a common interest. Whatever the result of the conference might be, it would be a step nearer to the great ideal.

VICTORIA.

THE EASTER ENCAMPMENT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

There was considerable activity at the railway station this evening, owing to the entraining of the defence force for the Easter encampment. The military authorities were anxious that the period of training should extend over six days, but had to be content with four days. The utmost use, however, will be made of the time at their disposal. The Garrison Artillery will man the forts at Port Phillip Heads. The Submarine Miners will spend the time on Swan Island, and the Field Artillery will form a special camp at Bittern, with the object of getting shot and shell practice over a clear land range. The main body, comprising the infantry battalions, field company of engineers, mounted rifles, rangers, and senior cadets will be under canvas at Langwarrin, and the Cerberus and the torpedo boats will be manned by the naval forces.

THE HOLIDAY FIXTURE.

The principal holiday fixture is the Druids' Gala, which will extend over Saturday and Monday. Tempting prizes are offered. The bicycle races and the brass band competition have secured entries which will give these events a distinctly intercolonial character. The bands competing for the championship of Australasia are the following:—New South Wales: Newtown and Newcastle. South Australia: South Australia Locomotive. Tasmania: Launceston City, St. Joseph's, Zeehan Military, and Queenstown. Victoria: Eaglehawk Borough, Lord Nelson Miners, St. Arnaud, and Code's Melbourne.

CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

At the City Court to-day, before Mr. Panton, P.M., and Mr. Cherry, J.P., Joseph Flanagan was presented on a criminal summons charging him with having, on June 2, 1891, embezzled £365 18s 2d, the moneys of his then employer, Andrew Rowan, and also with having, on January 12, 1891, embezzled £92; and also with having on April 4, 1891, embezzled £189 belonging to Andrew Rowan. The accused pleaded not guilty to each charge. In outlining the case for the prosecution Mr. Finlayson said the sums mentioned in the indictment were cheques due to Rowan in respect of goods sold and delivered, that Flanagan in his capacity as accountant and manager received the cheques, and instead of paying them into Rowan's banking account paid them into his own. Rowan was absent in England at the time. The accused, who reserved his defence, was committed for trial. Bail in two sureties of £100 each was allowed.

At the annual meeting of the Jumbunna Coal Company it was stated that the output for the year was 34,692 tons, and there was every reason to anticipate a largely increased output in the near future.

The Rev. Dr. Robinson, of the West St. Kilda Presbyterian Church, died to-day. He had been ailing for some time past.

At the half-yearly conference of the Victorian Fruitgrowers' Association held to-day a discussion took place as to whether all that was possible had been done to guard against the introduction of insect pests. The conference decided to urge on the Government the necessity for exercising all care to prevent the introduction of insect pests into the colony, more particularly in regard to the Queensland fruit fly, and to ask that additional inspectors be appointed.

A man named Charles S. Mason, aged 49, residing at Prahran, committed suicide at his home last night by shooting himself with a revolver. The deceased leaves a widow and two children. He had been out of work since September, and had become very despondent.

At an inquest to-day on the body of John Butcher, aged 66, who was found dead at his residence at Armadale yesterday with his throat cut, the jury returned a verdict of suicide. There was no evidence to show the state of mind of deceased.

The closing scene in the Yarra tragedy was performed this morning, when the coffin of Mabel Ambrose was exhumed at the Melbourne Cemetery to permit of the head of the deceased being buried with the body. It was owing to the forethought of one of the police that the head was cut off and preserved in spirits, for it was by this means that the remains were afterwards identified.

The Rev. Geo. Sutton, precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral, has accepted the incumbency of Christ Church, Castlemaine.

A party of Victorian, South Australian, and Western Australian commercial travellers left this afternoon by express for Sydney to attend the annual conference of the United Commercial Travellers' Association.

The manufacturers of locomotives in Victoria are to be at once invited to tender for the construction of 10 new passenger engines of the consolidation type. The existing stock of engines, in view of the rapidly-increasing traffic and the construction of several new lines of railway, is found to be barely equal to the work of the department.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The Customs collections at the port of Brisbane during March amounted to £75,481, an increase of £4700 on the corresponding month of last year. The total collections for the quarter ended March 21 this year were £209,000, an increase of £25,000 over the similar period of the previous year.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Thirty-four cases of fruit brought from Sydney by the Monowai have been condemned by the Agricultural Department at Wellington.

H.M.S. Tauranga left Tonga on the 18th for Fiji.

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THE WAR IN SAMOA.

MATAAFA AND THE KINGSHIP.

LONDON, March 29.

The leading newspapers of Berlin deny that Mataafa has abandoned his claims to the Kingship of Samoa. They also accuse Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, of underrating the preponderance of German interests in Samoa.

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The "Daily Chronicle" says that Germany must recall her Consul-General in Samoa or quit the protectorate.

The "Standard" anticipates that the Anglo-American action against Mataafa will be endorsed by the respective Governments. It hopes that the same view will be taken in Berlin.

THE GERMAN WARSHIP FALKE.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Further news from Samoa states that the German warship Falke, which had been at anchor between the American cruiser Philadelphia and the shore, and therefore in the way of the American guns, was requested by Admiral Kantz to move to another position. The Admiral sent a very polite notice to the German captain informing him that his ship was somewhat in the way, and asking him to change his position, so that the Philadelphia could shell certain places. The German captain moved his ship promptly.

ARRIVAL OF THE TAVIUNI AT NEWCASTLE.

INTERVIEW WITH CAPTAIN M'LEAN.

THE VESSEL STRUCK BY REBELS' BULLETS.

THE CONFLICT VIEWED FROM APIA HARBOUR.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The steamer Taviuni, which was present in Apia harbour during the progress of the war, arrived at Newcastle this afternoon, and was naturally the object of a great deal of interest. Captain D. M'Lean, upon being interviewed by a representative of the "Sydney Morning Herald" on board the vessel this evening, readily conversed in regard to his experiences during his short stay of 2½ days in Samoa. Questioned in regard to the position of affairs when he left, he said:—

"The account of the progress of the conflict published in the 'Sydney Morning Herald' to-day per the Hauroto is later by four days than the information in my possession, and I have been awaiting my arrival here to gain the latest news from Samoa. The Hauroto arrived at Apia as we left and did not expect to sail for several days. We arrived in Apia on March 17, the day following the commencement of the hostilities. When we were 25 miles south of Apia Harbour we saw the first indications of war. The searchlights of the men-of-war in port were brilliantly lighting up the horizon, and we knew that something had happened. We could distinctly see the shells bursting when we were 10 miles off, but did not anticipate any immediate danger. We anchored at 5.30 a.m. in the outer harbour about 800 yards from the shore, and alongside H.M.S. Royalist, which vessel we coaled."

"Was the firing proceeding at the time?"

"Yes, the rebels were firing with rifles throughout the night and until 4 o'clock on the following morning. The native troops were lined up at different stations along the beach, but were repulsed by contingents of British and American soldiers."

"Did the rebels attempt to interfere with the men-of-war?"

"Yes; for about a quarter of an hour on the evening of the 11th instant the native troops fired with rifles at the war vessels. We afterwards learned that the cause of this attack was the fact that the Chief Justice had left the shore in his boat to board H.M.S. Royalist for safety, and the rebels entertained the hope that one of their bullets might take effect."

"Did you experience any danger?"

"No; although several bullets passed over our vessel, whilst others struck her aft. We, of course, suspended coaling operations during this attack, and no injury was done. We could distinctly hear bullets striking the funnels of the men-of-war. The natives, whose only weapons were rifles, did their utmost to secure a few cannons, but were unsuccessful. As an instance of the daring characteristic of the rebels, I might tell you that on the evening of the 17th instant a party of naval officers informed me that they had received a message from the commanders of the native troops to the effect that they intended and were prepared to seize the British and American guns during the course of that night."

"How long were you in Apia Harbour?"

"From 5.30 a.m. on the 17th to noon on the 19th. We coaled H.M.S. Royalist and Porpoise. Landed, by means of German lighters about 100 tons of general merchandise, and shipped about 150 tons copra. Fighting on the foreshores was continued during the whole time, but the rebels congregated principally behind the British and American Consulates, which they desired to take possession of."

"Can you form any idea of the mortality among the rebels?"

"No, the warships did not fire on the township, but bombarded the villages in the interior, and with what result is not known. The town itself remained practically intact. There was a large body of British and American troops ashore."

ACTIVITY IN THE TONGAN GROUP.

INQUIRIES MADE AT ADMIRALTY HOUSE.

THE TAURANGA DUE TO-DAY FROM TONGA.

The inquiries which were made last night at Admiralty House with reference to the situation in Samoa elicited the statement that his Excellency had received cypher messages from Captain Sturdee, of H.M.S. Porpoise, which "so exactly bore out the excellent report published in yesterday's 'Herald' that he could not add a single word." The action taken had been moderately exercised under considerable provocation, and while it was to be regretted that extreme measures had had to be resorted to, there was no doubt that they were taken after very great deliberation. In a cabled report his Excellency's report was necessarily abbreviated, but he gathered that the worst had passed. The Samoans were a brave race, and their lives would not be sacrificed by the naval representatives of the Treaty Powers. He felt sure of that. The duty of British ships was limited to the protection of the lives of the subjects of Great Britain and of her interests in these islands as elsewhere—a duty no less sacred than to uphold the treaties entered into by Great Britain, in this case the Berlin Treaty. The rights of the Samoans must be upheld at any cost. But whatever course had in the past been followed or would in the future be pursued was essentially governed by the provisions of the Berlin Treaty in the case of Samoa. There could be no doubt, that as the "Herald" cables had stated, the authority of the Treaty officials, the Chief Justice, for example, must be held sacred by the Powers. That maintenance of authority was in the best interests of the people whose welfare was paramount.

THE SITUATION IN TONGA.

A "Herald" cable from Auckland mentioned yesterday that H.M.S. Tauranga had left Tonga for Sydney on the 18th instant. The vessel is due here to-day. Her mission to the Tongan group was somewhat kept sub rosa, but the cable stated that it had been most successfully carried out by Captain Leslie C. Stuart, in command of the cruiser. Asked last night at Admiralty House whether the visit was one made for the purpose of hoisting the little Union Jack at Tongatabu, the reply was that it scarcely amounted to that. The mission was undertaken for confidential reasons, which could not be made public. The fact is that there had been a little trouble with the Tongan Kingdom and a debt due to Germany, and it is surmised that the Tauranga called in there to see how the negotiations were advancing. Since Captain Stuart is understood to say that he succeeded in his mission it is just possible that the debt due to the Kaiser has been liquidated to the satisfaction of all parties, including the Tauranga, which, by the way, is one of our Australian ships used specially to look after Australian commerce in the Pacific and its due protection.

THE SKIRMISH AT LATTERBY'S STORE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

APIA, Saturday, March 18.

The Taviuni, which was to have gone out yesterday afternoon still remains in the harbour. She is coaling the Philadelphia, and is not expected to sail until 11 a.m. I camped last night at the English headquarters. About 5 p.m. the Malietoa natives, accompanied by a party of British marines, marched up to Latterby's store to clear the ground of any lurking enemy. The previous night this locality had been infested strongly with Mataafa people, who shot away merrily down the beach and out at the steamers, striking both the Porpoise and the Union Company's Taviuni several times. As the men marched up to Latterby's store several of the enemy rushed out from the back. The Malietoas opened fire on them with true Samoan recklessness, and the bluejackets joined in smartly. One of the enemy was hit hard by a Royalist sailor named Brooks, but was dragged away into the scrub by his comrades. Lieutenant Cave ordered Latterby's store to be entered and examined. In it several guns and rifles were found. The Chinaman's house next door was also examined, and more guns and rifles were found. These were confiscated, together with numerous axes and knives. The Malietoa natives, according to their custom, began to loot the places. They took from the store watches, clocks, umbrellas, and all sorts of things, and were very much surprised when ordered by Lieutenant Cave to return them. One native tried to get off with several yards of black calico which he had wound round his waist beneath his lavalala, but a European who knew the native ways searched him, and he was turned round and round like a top until the stolen calico was unwound. Another native who had seated himself on the ground when the store was entered, and had ordered his comrade to bring him his share, was quite indignant when he got nothing. There were some serviceable Snider and Martini-Henry rifles taken from these houses.

About 10 minutes past 5 the sentries on the main road passed the message, "White turbans in sight," and immediately the guard turned out, and there was soon the sound of rapid firing, but the enemy escaped into the bush.

THE TIVOLI HOTEL MINED.

Soon after it grew dark a mine was laid under the Tivoli Hotel, and a connection was made into the Supreme Court, ready to blow the place up at any moment. This place is in a very awkward position, and the enemy can steal up to it and use it as a cover to shoot from. They did this on Thursday night, and it was from this place, or near it, that one sailor was wounded.

MATAAFA RECEIVING REINFORCEMENTS.

A trusty messenger came in from some miles west of Apia, saying that large numbers of natives from Aana and from the island of Savaii were marching along the coast towards Apia in order to join Mataafa. The same messenger also stated that the Mataafa people were declaring that the shelling and the gunfiring from the ships had done them no injury, and that they were losing their fear of the war vessels. This means that large numbers of waverers will join Mataafa, for to the native mind this chief has already beaten the English and Americans.

I received permission from Lieutenant Cave to stay at the Supreme Court through the night. The court itself had been turned into a hospital. Dr. Beatty, from the Royalist, was in charge, and had everything in splendid order. Miss Macoy (a Pitcairn Islander) had volunteered as nurse for the night. The previous night Miss Laura Forth, of the Apia Free Library, was volunteer nurse. She was at work nearly all night and did excellent service. She and Miss Macoy are to take alternate nights as the volunteer nurses. Dr. Braucht, the American doctor here, was on hand at the hospital. The night passed away very quietly. The enemy were soon around the English Consulate, and were fired on once or twice.

THE PORPOISE GOES OUT TO SHELL MALEA.

At daybreak this morning the Porpoise went out to shell Malea, a village about seven miles west of Apia. It was expected that the Aana and Savaii people on their way to join Mataafa would camp there for the night. It is highly important that these people should not join Mataafa's. If they do they will so strengthen him that he will increase his night attacks. It is as much as the British and American forces can do at the present moment to defend their own positions in Apia. If Mataafa's force is strengthened it is very possible that the undefended parts of the town may be attacked and fired. There is no doubt that affairs are serious. Admiral Kantz is conducting affairs with true American thoroughness, and Captain Sturdee, with his wide grasp of the Samoan business and his long experience here, is just the man to uphold the honour of England.

It is exhilarating to see the splendid manner in which the English and Americans work side by side. Their methods and their ideas seem to fit exactly, and if it were not for the uniforms one could scarcely say which were English and which American. There is no difference.

COLONIALS TO THE FORE.

The colonies are well represented in the Navy here. Lieutenant Gaunt is a Victorian. It was he who had charge of the mission at the New Year fight, and who now has charge of the English Consulate, one of the most dangerous posts. Lieutenant Gurner is from Melbourne. He is in charge of the Iji Iji. Sub-Lieutenant Schuter is also an Australian, and they are all fine smart fellows.

NEWCASTLE.

MINISTERIAL VISIT.

DEPUTATIONS TO MR. HOGUE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The Minister for Education and Labour (the Hon. J. A. Hogue) arrived from Sydney by the midday mail and was received at the railway station by a number of prominent citizens. Mr. Hogue was accompanied by the Premier as far as Fassifern, where Mr. Reid left on a private visit to Lake Macquarie. Both Ministers are visiting this district in response to an invitation from the committee of the Wallsend Eisteddfod, the opening session of which takes place to-morrow.

A deputation, consisting of the Mayor of Hamilton, Alderman Alexander, and Alderman Gardiner, waited upon the Minister at the Great Northern Hotel this afternoon for the purpose of urging him to extend the Hamilton Public School. It was stated that the present accommodation, both in the boys' and girls' departments, was totally inadequate for the requirements of the district, and that the immediate extension of the school buildings was necessary in order to safeguard the health and comfort of the scholars.

The Minister, in reply, admitted that the present accommodation was insufficient, and informed the deputation that their request had been anticipated by his department. They would be glad to learn that it was contemplated to effect considerable improvements, and a sum of £3000 had already been sanctioned for the purpose. The extension to the boys' department was estimated to cost £2000, and additions would be made to the girls' department at a cost of £1000.

Mr. Hogue was waited upon by a deputation representing the Union of Institutes at the Great Northern Hotel to-night, for the purpose of requesting the Government to increase the subsidies to local schools of arts and mechanics' institutes. Mr. Fegan, M.L.A., who introduced the deputation, stated that the Union of Institutes consisted of delegates from the schools of art, mechanics' institutes, and kindred institutions of the northern districts. The views which would be expressed would, however, represent the opinion of those interested in similar institutions throughout the colony.

Messrs. J. J. Callaghan, W. Ash (president of the Union of Institutes), and others addressed the Minister at length. The request made was that the Government would increase the subsidy of 10s in the £ to £ for £ on members' subscriptions, or, as an alternative, that 10s at present allowed be paid on the total income of the institutions from whatever sources derived, including rents and the proceeds of bazaars and entertainments. The financial difficulties under which local institutions laboured were referred to, and it was stated that unless increased aid was received from the State many of the institutes would be compelled to dissolve.

Mr. Hogue, in reply, said that the subsidy of 10s in the £ at present had been considered a fair and reasonable amount. He did not say that the request of the deputation was unreasonable, but it opened up a new question of policy, and, as they were aware, all questions of policy must be considered by the Cabinet. It was essential that there should be a certain amount of self-reliance in governing institutions of this character, without which the support of the State would be practically wasted. He was of opinion that educational institutions such as those represented by the deputation would be infinitely more valuable if they could be conducted without any assistance from the State whatever.

VISIT OF THE PREMIER.

The Premier, accompanied by Mrs. Reid and family, were passengers by the Northern mail to-day, and alighted at Fassifern for the purpose of proceeding to Belmont, on Lake Macquarie, where they will remain the guests of Mr. Samuel Clift for a few days. The Premier will visit Wallsend to-morrow afternoon, and, accompanied by Mr. Hogue, will be entertained at 5 p.m. at a citizens' banquet. Mr. Reid will preside at the evening session of the Wallsend Eisteddfod, and will return to Belmont on the following day.

DROWNING FATALITIES.

The City Coroner held a magisterial inquiry at the Clarendon Hotel to-day on the body of a miner named John Press, who was found drowned in the Red Head Lagoon on the previous day. An open verdict was recorded.

The body of a fireman named Patrick Murphy was found at an early hour this morning floating in the harbour in the vicinity of No. 4 crane at the Dyke. The deceased, who had been in search of employment for some time, had recently camped on the wharfs. He was well known in connection with coasting vessels. At an inquiry held this evening an open finding was recorded.

The ship Edenballymore arrived from Sydney to-day to load a cargo of coal from the Duckenfield Colliery for Panama; and the ship Reaper also arrived from Sydney to load Duckenfield coal for Honolulu. The four-masted barque Bermuda cleared at the customs to-day for San Diego with 3945 tons of Co-operative coal; the barque Invermore cleared for Valparaiso with 2481 tons of Lambton coal; and the barque Auldgirth cleared for Antofagasta with 2520 tons of Duckenfield coal. The steamer Titus left to-day for the South Sea Islands, via Sydney, with 500 tons of coal.

In the intercolonial trade the steamer Kini left for Devonport, via Kembla, with 600 tons of coal; and the steamer Ouraka cleared at the Customs this afternoon for Melbourne with 3780 tons of coal.

The steamer Kolya cleared for Fremantle, via Melbourne, to-day with 250 head of cattle, 250 sheep, and 50 pigs.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Services will be held in all the Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Wesleyan churches to-day in commemoration of the Crucifixion. There will also be services in most of the churches of the other denominations.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral the Archbishop will preach in the morning, the afternoon service will be taken by the precentor, and at night the Bishop of Melanesia will deliver an address on "The Crucifixion."

The Rev. W. I. Carr Smith will conduct a short service this evening, illustrated by limelight scenes from the Passion Play.

An all-day convention will be held in the Central Hall, Balmain, among the speakers being the Revs. R. Bavin, W. G. Taylor, B. Danks, and E. Fox.

Special evangelistic addresses will be delivered to-night at the People's Hall, Sussex-street.

At St. Mark's, Darling Point, services will be held at 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 5 p.m., and from 12 noon to 3 p.m. there will be a service of three hours' devotion conducted by the Rev. Willoughby Flower.

The oratorio "The Crucifixion" will be performed at St. Luke's, Concord, to-night.

Services are to be held in the Centenary Hall this morning and to-night.

EX S.S. OMRAH.
The Choicest Tea obtainable, Ceylon Golden Tips, exceptional value. Harris and Co., 21 Strand.—Advt.

SECOND EDITION.

THE FEDERAL ENABLING BILL.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE.

LONDON, March 30, 10.55 a.m.

Mr. J. H. Want, Attorney-General of New South Wales, has cabled to Mr. G. H. Reid, the Premier, that he was unaware of the contents of the amended Federal Enabling Bill. His private telegram to Mr. Geoffrey Eagar, hon. secretary to the Colonists' Anti-Convention Bill League, did not express any opinion, but only stated that he (Mr. Want) had heard that the bill was worse than it was previously.

Mr. Want adds that owing to the crisis in New South Wales he may leave London on his return to Sydney in April instead of in May as he had intended.

THE QUEENSLAND HURRICANE.

SCHOONERS BROKEN UP.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Mr. James Clark, who recently went north to the scene of the late hurricane which dispersed and sank the schooners and boats belonging to his company, has wired under date March 28 that two schooners, the Zoe and the Zanoni, have completely broken up. The Sybil has been floated with the loss of sails and a portion of the diving gear. He will probably be able to refloat the Zephyr and several boats belonging to the Silvery Wave fleet. Nothing has been seen of the schooner Sagitta with her five boats. He also expects to refloat four boats belonging to the schooner Crest of the Wave.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE MINISTERIAL POLICY EXPOUNDED.

MR. KINGSTON AT THE TOWN HALL.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Adelaide Town Hall was thronged to-night for the purpose of hearing the Premier (Mr. Kingston) expound the Ministerial policy. A large number of ladies was present. Mr. Kingston, having been briefly introduced by the Mayor, remarked that he had the honour of asking them for re-election for the seventh time. He good-humouredly referred to his unique record as Premier. Amongst the good work accomplished by the Government, he said, was federation, which was put in the front rank three years ago. He predicted that they would not be long under federation before adult suffrage was obtained throughout Australia. He referred to the amendments in the Commonwealth Bill, and predicted that federation would be accomplished before January 1, 1901. They must not, however, consent to further blemishes on the bill for the benefit of the mother colony.

Mr. Kingston passed on to discuss household suffrage for the Legislative Council. After referring to the circumstances under which the measure was defeated in the Upper House, he concluded warmly, "The thing is too preposterous to be continued," but the cheer which followed was not too enthusiastic. Mr. Kingston, however, became more en rapport with the audience as he extolled woman's vote. By his Upper House reform measure he proposed to add 70,000 names to the Council roll. He intimated that if the Council refused to pass the Reform Bill next session they would have to face the music. He declared that he would adopt every constitutional means to give expression to the will of the people. He advocated the referendum as showing the superiority of the people to Parliament on questions that warranted the expense. The announcement that the Government intended to abide by the decision of the people concerning the capitation grant evoked loud cheers, but the capitationists made a counter demonstration. Mr. Kingston at the same time said he saw no hope of the popular decision being reversed for years to come. He favoured elective Ministries, and went on to enumerate the principal measures which the Ministry had carried.

Arrangements are being made for the reception of Lord Tennyson, the new Governor. On April 10 the gunboat Protector will proceed down the Gulf to escort the mailboat to her anchorage, after which the reception customary on such occasions will follow.

The case of a farmer named Ernest Edward Wansborough, who cut his throat at Auburn on Tuesday, was an especially sad one. Two months ago his wife, while ill, drowned herself, and he at once sold out all his effects and moved to another district. He, however, so brooded over the loss of his wife that in two months to the very day he ended his own life.

The whole of the military forces of the colony went into camp to-night at Black Forest, three or four miles out of the city, and will stay under canvas until Tuesday night.

TASMANIA.

COLLAPSE OF A BRIDGE.

THREE MEN KILLED.

ZEEHAN, Thursday.

News has been received of a terrible accident on the Emu Bay Railway Company's works at Pieman River, resulting in the death of three men named Robert Whiting, Robert O'Rourke, and John Larsen, and in severe injury to Charles Anderson. The information received at Zeehan so far is to the effect that the temporary bridge over the Pieman River just constructed was being tested with 40 tons of iron rails. The central part of the bridge hanging over the middle of the river was swinging on wire ropes, four on each side, the ropes being fastened to stays with cleats. It is stated that the four men were on the swinging part of the bridge moving the rails when it collapsed, and they all fell into the river, about 40ft. below. When taken out of the water from underneath the rails Whiting and O'Rourke died, and Larsen was conveyed to an hotel close by and died in a few hours. Anderson was conveyed to the Waratah Hospital by railway. It is reported that one man was almost cut in half, and that another's brains were dashed out. An inquest is to be held to-morrow.

THE ENCAMPMENT.

HOBART, Thursday.

The volunteers went into camp to-night two miles from Bellerive, where they will remain until Monday night. Nearly all the corps of the island are represented, including the West Coast. The muster will be about 800. The site chosen gives ample facilities for manœuvring, while far enough from town to prevent an undue rush of visitors.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

The conference between the representatives of Fremantle in both Houses of Parliament and members of the Steamship Owners' Association was held yesterday. The members of Parliament suggested that the Steamship Owners' Association should agree to a conference with the strikers on the basis of the conference recently proposed, five representatives to be on each side, the association to agree to the secretary of the Lumpers' Union being one of the men's representatives. The association's delegates refused to alter their resolution not to take part in a conference at which the secretary of the Lumpers' Association should be a delegate, on the ground that he was not one of their employees, while they would not recognise him by virtue of his position as secretary of the union. Members of Parliament then endeavoured to induce the steamship owners to agree to three delegates on each side sitting as a board of arbitration, with a Judge of the Supreme Court as referee. The steamship owners refused this also, unless freedom of contract should be absolutely conceded and left out of the issue to be submitted to the board. It being apparent that nothing could be done, the conference dispersed.

DURING THE HOLIDAYS
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FEDERATION.

DEADLOCK BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES.

THE PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

THE GAZETTE NOTICE.

There were few developments in political circles yesterday, so far as the deadlock between the two Houses of Legislature is concerned. As a matter of fact, most of the Ministers were absent from their offices, and very few politicians were in town. There was a good deal of speculation as to the probable names of the new members of the Upper House. Persons were met with who had "little lists" of their own. When Ministers were applied to, however, it was discovered that there was no actual list in existence. No doubt one will be compiled with due care, and it will be finally approved of at a Cabinet meeting which is to be held about the middle of next week. Ministers are taking matters very quietly. They absolutely deny that there is any "crisis." They look upon the affair as being merely a misunderstanding between the two Houses. There would undoubtedly have been a "crisis" if any difficulty had been thrown in the way of the filling up of the vacancies in the Legislative Council by the Lieutenant-Governor. But the question has been satisfactorily settled, and matters now remain in abeyance until the Premier returns to Sydney. Mr. Reid, who has all the care of this "crisis" upon his shoulders, is understood to be quietly fishing at Lake Macquarie.

It is pointed out that the course taken by the Government was the only legitimate one available. The Government could not dissolve the House, because there was no dispute between the two parties in the Assembly. It could not resign, because the Reid Administration still commanded an overwhelming majority of the Lower House. Supposing for a moment that Mr. Reid had tendered certain advice to his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with regard to filling up the vacancies in the Council, with a few slight additions probably, and Sir Frederick Darley had declined to accept that advice, Mr. Reid would probably have said, "Well, I resign." Mr. Barton would have been sent for, following the usual precedent, to form a Ministry. He would have said, "Mr. Reid tendered you certain advice. I agree with that, and I cannot form a Ministry." The Governor would then have been placed in a delicate position. There would have been a constitutional crisis indeed. Happily, that course has not been adopted. At present matters appear likely to work out amicably and smoothly. There is, for the time being at any rate, no crisis; there is simply a "deadlock." And it is the expectation of politicians that within a few days' time the two Houses of Legislature of New South Wales will be found to be thoroughly in accord with each other—that is, so far as the Federal Enabling Bill is concerned.

THE MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

The following proclamation was issued yesterday:—"Whereas by the bill passed by the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, in the seventeenth year of the reign of her Majesty the Queen, intituled 'An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to her Majesty, and assented to by her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the session of the eighteenth and nineteenth years of the said reign, intituled 'An Act to enable her Majesty to assent to a bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil list to her Majesty,' it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor of New South Wales to prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time. And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the 11th day of April next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly, and shall, on the said 11th day of April, meet for the despatch of business."

THE LABOUR PARTY AND THE CRISIS.

A scrutiny of the voting by members of the labour party on the question whether any representatives of labour should be included in the nomination of new members to the Legislative Council has been completed, and it has been ascertained that there is a distinct majority against the proposal. The labour party as a body holds that the only question that would justify the swamping of the Upper House with labour representatives is the question of reforming or abolishing the Chamber.

TELEGRAM FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND.

AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT.

The Premier, Mr. G. H. Reid, yesterday received the following telegram from the Premier of Queensland, Mr. J. R. Dickson:—"Am closely watching the progress of federation in your Parliament, and regret the difficulties you encounter. Our elections being now over and my Government being maintained by a good majority, I am prepared to take such Parliamentary steps as may be necessary to pass an Enabling Bill, but my action must be consequent on yours. No federation is practicable without the mother colony. Do not, therefore, assume supineness on my part if you are delayed by obstruction, as I shall simply await with confidence your eventual victory. I specially fixed an early date of the assembling of Parliament to submit an Enabling Bill, but before doing so I await your Parliamentary acceptance of the Commonwealth Bill, when I shall circulate amongst the Queensland electors the bill as amended and accepted. Best wishes. Certain visitors from your colony represent on their return that Queensland is averse to federation. Such statements I consider to be entire misrepresentations.

A QUEENSLAND VIEW OF THE SITUATION.

ANTI-FEDERAL TACTICS.

The Brisbane "Courier," in its Saturday's issue, pertinently remarks:—"The anti-federalists in New South Wales are exhibiting something very like the energy of despair. At any rate they may claim not a little credit for the pluck with which they still maintain a cause which is evidently lost. They have racked their brains in order to derive new objections against the Federal Bill. The fate of the two amendments on which the Legislative Council in the mother colony has taken its last stand will be determined doubtless by the conference between both branches of the Legislature, which is fixed for Tuesday next. But it may well be believed that, with the strength of the popular Chamber at his back, Mr. Reid will accept no amendments on the Enabling Bill which in any essential degree would tend to alter its character. Meanwhile, that minority of provincialists which pretends to speak in the name of the public of New South Wales is cheering on the obstructive tactics of the Council with might and main. It is instructive to note the incongruous figures who are brought together in the ranks of the anti-federalists. Even as poverty is said to make people acquainted with strange bed-fellows, so has the movement in opposition to Australian union marshalled under the one banner men who in other respects have hardly any ideas in common. Radicals of the most advanced type are standing shoulder to shoulder with politicians who make a nearer approach perhaps to the old-fashioned English Tory than any specimens of the breed which are now extant in England itself. The one touch of nature which makes the whole of these oddly-assorted companions akin is to be found in their sympathetic response to the provincial note. Having now, however, pretty nigh exhausted their ingenuity in suggesting fresh obstacles to the Federal Bill, they are obliged to fall back on an old one. The financial clauses are dealt with again, and with decidedly more of clamour, if with a good deal less of argumentative weight than before. In fact, the arguments for and against have already been worn threadbare. It has been agreed by the best authorities in the colonies that these financial clauses, though far from ideal ones, are at any rate framed in a way which renders it perfectly safe to trust the amendment of them to a Federal Parliament. And assuredly they arrived at statesmanlike conclusions when they held that a Federal Parliament could be trusted to that extent if it were to be trusted at all. But this is precisely the direction in which once more the bitter cry of the anti-federalists is heard. They declare the financial clauses to be so unutterably bad that if enacted the direst suffering will be entailed on the people of Australia. They will, these prophets say, bring about collapses more disastrous than any which have hitherto been experienced in this part of the world. From the whole tenor of their sinister predictions it might be imagined that federation would inevitably mean the handing over of the finances of the whole of Australia to a gang of thieves."

GERMANTON, Thursday.

Opinions are unanimous in approving of Mr. Reid's decision in resisting the action of the Legislative Council towards federation.

A REMARKABLE FIND.

A PLANT OF STOLEN GOODS.

HOW THEY WERE TRACKED.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

On Sunday night last premises were entered in the railway town and provisions and a bicycle were stolen. The following morning the matter was reported to the police, and Sub-inspector Travers immediately put two mounted constables and a black tracker to work. A bicycle track was picked up and followed towards Purnamoota over flat country. It then diverted into the barrier ranges, where the ground was much broken and the track difficult to trace; but in the gullies and flat ground they were able to pick it up again. A circuitous course of over 20 miles was followed, and then the track led back to the plain near Stephen's Creek reservoir, where a camp was discovered in the locality known as the Limekiln Quarries, consisting of a series of excavations with tunnels running underneath for some distance, connecting with one another, the whole resembling an extensive rabbit warren. A large quantity of stolen material was found, comprising four bicycles, a case of surgical instruments, clothing, provisions, and books. Just prior to finding the camp the police met a cart with two men. They stopped the cart and asked if there was any camp in the neighbourhood. Both men answered in the negative. Directly the camp was discovered the police galloped back after the cart, but on overtaking it found that one man had decamped. The driver said the man had just gone down the creek. His tracks were followed up for some distance to the edge of the creek, where the man swam across. The tracks were picked up on the other side, and led into the Eagle Hawk Ranges, where they were lost. The police are now scouring the country.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

OFFICIAL OPENING DAY.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR IN ATTENDANCE.

SPEECHES AT THE LUNCHEON.

The second day of the Royal Agricultural Society's show is, practically speaking, the first public day at the grounds. The heavy business of allotting classes to stewards and judging the most important agricultural sections is disposed of on the first day, and on Thursday everything is in readiness for the reception of visitors. The arrangements are almost perfect at this show, and when the Acting Governor and his party arrived yesterday the grounds were as completely equipped as though the show had been running for a few months instead of one day and a half. There was a constant stream of people flowing in at the gates for several hours, and although the great crowds of Good Friday and Easter Monday have yet to come the attendance was unusually large for a second day. The gate receipts totalled £299 16s, as against £284 6s 6d received on the corresponding day of 1898, and represented fully 10,000 people. The city is comfortably filled by the influx of country visitors, and they formed a large proportion of those who carefully inspected the exhibits and did a kind of preliminary turn through the vast areas covered with machinery, apparatus, and merchandise.

A marked improvement is noticeable in the arrangement of the interiors. In the large pavilion space has been judiciously economised, exhibitors are comfortable, and the crowds of sightseers have more room to walk about and enjoy themselves. The numerous horsering events were exceedingly well ordered, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent by the people in the new grand stand and by the ring side, watching the parades, the jumping, and the exercise of the critical function by the judges. The jumping in Tattersall's hunting contest was clever and fairly even, while several horses took the fences with considerable dash. The presence of the champion showground hunter Fairfield added much interest to the trials, and the old horse began well by carrying off the Ladies' Hunter's prize for all-comers.

The cattle and pigs came in for more notice than had been given to these important sections at former shows. The long rows of beautifully shaped neat cattle and the representation of the dairy breeds were critically examined, and many ladies, accompanied by male experts, made the tour of inspection. Everywhere the opinion that this is the best all-round show that Sydney has seen was freely expressed. An occasional chat with visitors from Victoria and other colonies, revealed the fact that they are impressed with the perfect arrangements, the splendidly laid-out grounds, and the high character of the exhibits all through. The attractions at the show to-day will be numerous and varied, and the grounds will probably hold a record attendance.

THE LUNCHEON.

There was a large and representative gathering at the official luncheon, which took place at 1 o'clock. The president of the association (Mr. J. See, M.L.A.), occupied the chair. Upon his right was Sir Frederick Darley, Lieutenant-Governor, and Sir George Dibbs supported him on the left. Amongst others who were in prominent positions appeared Messrs. G. H. Cox, M.L.C., W. M. Fehon and D. H. Kirkcaldie (Railway Commissioners), J. T. Wilshire, Dight, M.L.A., G. Loader, G. Lee, J. S. Brunton, the Mayor of Sydney (Alderman M. Harris), the Vice-President of the Executive Council (Mr. Hughes), Colonel Mackenzie, Mr. J. Cook (Minister for Mines), H. Clarke, M.L.A., J. De V. Lamb, M. A. O'Callaghan, D. C. M'Lachlan (Under-Secretary for Mines), E. Terry, M.L.A., and F. Wright, M.L.A.

The president proposed "The Health of the Lieutenant-Governor." He said it was four years since they had had the honour of welcoming Sir Frederick Darley to their annual exhibition. It was only right to say that Sir Frederick Darley had been a resident of the colony for 37 years. For 18 years he occupied a distinguished position in the public life of the colony, and his record was one unique in its character. He had been Chief Justice for 13 years, and no gentleman who had occupied that distinguished position had given a greater amount of satisfaction. If the constitution permitted the appointment of a colonial Governor, there was no gentleman in Australia who would be selected in preference to their distinguished friend, Sir Frederick Darley. (Applause.) But if it were not in accordance with constitutional government, so far as our relationship with the mother country was concerned, that Sir Frederick Darley could occupy that position, those who were connected with the show directly or indirectly would none the less value his presence.

The toast was warmly drunk.

Sir Frederick Darley returned thanks. He said the chairman had unduly eulogised the simple services which he had rendered to the colony. He deplored the absence of the ex-Governor, who had a great knowledge of agriculture. Still, he himself took a large amount of interest in the subject, although probably his interest partook more of the picturesque than of the practical. But there was one subject of which he ought to have a knowledge. That was in regard to the land laws of the colony. Those laws ought to be free from embarrassment and ambiguity, so easy to understand that he who ran might read. Unfortunately, with the land laws of this colony that was not the case. Upon any question of policy he must preserve strict silence. But he would say that obscure and ill-defined laws retarded settlement in a distinct manner. In this colony since 1884 there had been no less than 16 Crown Lands Acts passed into law. All these had to be read as one measure, and he confessed, after having had considerable experience in the law, that they were so obscure and so confused that it almost amounted to chaos. Those laws ought to be simplified. It would be worth the while of the colony to pay an enormous fee in order to put the laws into simple and easy language. He had seen much litigation which had arisen purely from these obscure laws, and he had known cases where men were ruined in an endeavour to maintain themselves according to the law. It had produced ruinous litigation. He urged upon those who were interested in the matter to see that the laws were simplified, and also that the man who settled upon the land could do so without any feeling of unrest.

Sir George Dibbs proposed the toast of "The Ministry and Parliament." He said that those present no doubt did not believe in any Ministry or any Parliament. (Laughter.) Still, they must regard the present Government as being the only power which could bring about the amendment of the land laws which Sir Frederick Darley had recommended. The present Government had the power to do that if they liked. They could make the land and mining laws so simple, as had been suggested by the Lieutenant-Governor, that those who run might read. He was not in Parliament, although he would like to take to task some of those who were on account of their proceedings. They must remember that Parliament represented the people, and that those who were in Parliament should give a return for the money paid them. He would ask them to drink to the toast of the Ministry and Parliament as a portion of our constitution which they could not do without. They could drink it in a real or an ideal way. They must drink the toast with a fair amount of honour and respect.

Mr. J. Hughes, Vice-president of the Executive Council, responded to the toast, in the absence of the Premier. He said Sir George Dibbs had referred to the ease with which an amendment of the land laws as well as of the mining laws could be made, but Sir George himself was Prime Minister for a good many years, and it was equally easy for him to have made an amendment of the laws. He believed he was stating a fact, when he explained that a bill for the amendment of the land laws of the colony was already in print, and that it was a measure that was likely to be introduced at an early date. The Ministry was doing its best in the interests of the country. (Applause.)

Mr. J. Cook, Minister for Mines and Agriculture, also responded. He agreed that the land and mining laws of the country required amendment. That was to be admitted. But on an occasion like that they must remember that the Ministry was a continuing institution. It was in that sense that they were invited to drink the toast of the Ministry. He congratulated all those connected with the show upon the magnificent exhibition that was made. It had deeply impressed him. It was the premier exhibition of the colony and it was growing in importance. Upon the success of agriculture depended other forms of prosperity. The Royal Agricultural Show would increase in importance. Just now it was of singular importance, because we were going into the London market, and we would there compete with countries of which agriculture was a most important industry. It therefore behoved the Government to push forward the agricultural industry, because in that way they could lay a basis of permanent prosperity. The Government recognised its duty towards the society, and spent £50,000 per annum in the encouragement of agriculture. He thought the show transcended in importance any other event which took place within the precincts of Sydney from year to year. (Applause.)

The Hon. G. H. Cox responded on behalf of the Legislative Council. He said that until recently the Council had been a happy family. During the last week or two it had not been a happy family. There were some reasons for dissension; but he trusted it would come out all right at the end, no matter what the present little friction in the Chamber might be. He was convinced that the Upper House was guided by a desire to further the interests of the general community.

Mr. H. Clarke, M.L.A., also responded. He said he hoped that present disagreements would not long exist, and that good sense would bring about an amicable settlement.

Mr. J. Hughes, Vice-president of the Executive Council, proposed "The Mayor and Corporation of Sydney." He said he had served in the council in company with the present Mayor of Sydney. The more he knew the present Mayor the more he esteemed him. He was a man determined to do his duty in the high position to which he had been called.

The Mayor of Sydney (Alderman M. Harris), in responding, said that the council endeavoured to do its best in the interests of the citizens. They had had some troublous times during the past year, and he had had some hard work. He had now to spend the whole of each day in discharging his Mayoral duties. Formerly the Mayor only spent an hour per day at the work. That had resulted in the confusion which now existed. Frequently at 5 o'clock each afternoon he was not finished his duties. In addition to that he had to put up with all kinds of abuse. The council had not the funds to carry out all that it

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would like to do. They must adapt themselves to the existing conditions and do their best in the interests of the people.

The Lieutenant-Governor proposed the toast of "The Royal Agricultural Society." He congratulated the whole colony upon the success which had been obtained in connection with the show. That success had been achieved in spite of a prolonged drought which had almost devastated some parts of the colony. Notwithstanding those adverse circumstances they had brought about a successful exhibition of the agricultural resources of the colony.

Mr. John See (president) responded. He said that primarily they must recognise the indefatigable and able services of the secretary (Mr. Webster), who had mainly contributed to the result achieved. Those connected officially with the show hoped that it was the best of its kind in Australasia. (Applause.) It was a federal show. Not only did it include exhibits from all parts of this colony, but from all parts of Australasia. The consequence was that they had on the grounds products of every conceivable kind which Australia was capable of producing. (Applause.) When they realised the difficulties which had to be encountered in the work of colonisation—an enormous territory with a sparse population—they had reason to feel proud of the progress which had been made in all directions. The difficulties which they had encountered seemed almost insurmountable. Besides establishing internal communication by roads and bridges, they also had had to establish railway communication. He was glad the railway authorities were present as well as representatives of almost every commercial interest in Australia. The Commissioners had done a great deal to encourage the producers of the country, and to bring to the best markets in the cheapest and most expeditious way the products of the colony. He made a strong appeal for additional support for the society. At present insufficient ground was available. It was intended to ask the Government for a larger area—an extension of the present grounds. Let him express a hope that the great movement now before the people would be brought to a consummation, that the lines of demarcation between the different colonies would be swept away, and that Australia in its giant strength would go on and progress as a united nation. (Loud and continued applause.) At the same time they were proud to belong to the great old mother country whose flag flew upon every sea and whose achievements had been the envy, if not the admiration, of every other country in the world. (Applause.) The advance of industry in Australia had been of a marvellous character. In connection with that show they must not forget to recognise the indefatigability, the integrity, and the ability of the organising secretary, whose work had come under his personal observation. What had been done was a great encouragement to them to continue the work in the future. (Cheers.)

The toast of "The Judges and Stewards," proposed by Mr. Terry, M.L.A., was also honoured.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING.

The official opening ceremony was performed by the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir Frederick Darley) at 3 o'clock. As a guard of honour a hundred of the rank and file of the Permanent Artillery were lined up in front of the main northern pavilion, which was crowded with visitors. The president of the society (Mr. John See) read to his Excellency the following address:—

"To his Excellency Sir F. M. Darley, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Justice of New South Wales. May it please your Excellency,—It is now four years since you did us the honour, as representing her most gracious Majesty, to officially open the Easter Show of 1895. In the succeeding years similar functions were performed by Lord Hampden, our late Governor, who took a lively interest in the agricultural industries of New South Wales, and did much to promote the aims and objects of our institution. While we greatly regret his absence, we are pleased and gratified to have this opportunity of extending to your Excellency a hearty welcome, not only as Lieutenant-Governor, but in your distinguished position as Chief Justice of New South Wales. The exhibition of 1895 was the forerunner of the three finest agricultural show gatherings ever held in this colony, and the financial results accruing from them have naturally helped us to bring these showgrounds to the state of perfection in which you see them to-day. Your Excellency will doubtless recognise the marked improvements made during the past few years, and you may see reasons for appreciating the efforts we have made and are persistently pursuing towards inspiring greater life into land settlement—the wider and better cultivation of the soil and the encouragement of all pastoral and agricultural pursuits. Although New South Wales is well beyond her first century in history, she is only now seriously and systematically entering on the scientific development of her rich resources. The pastoral and agricultural industries are the best inheritance of mankind, and their advancement being the principal objects for the existence of this organisation, it is only natural that we are pleased with the steady increase that is taking place, and regard with pride the future prospects and wealth which must follow the splendid exertions, examples, and enthusiasm in evidence to-day. By offering substantial money prizes this society annually draws together in meritorious competition the finest exhibits of stock, of farm and dairy produce, of machinery, of food, and all phases of liberal arts. A passing reference to the receipts of our exhibitions—irrespective of subscriptions, donations, and Government subsidy—during the past 18 years gives an idea of the increasing proportions and value of the work of this institution. In 1881 the gate receipts were £696, and in 1896 they totalled £4973. The gate receipts last year and the year before were not so large as 1896, but the aggregate of positive earnings last year gave the fine total of £6408. As against £140 paid in prize money in 1881, we distributed last year upwards of £2000. We cannot fail to express a deep sense of the gratification we feel towards the Government in their efforts to aid our own and kindred societies, to which much of the success of the agricultural societies of New South Wales is due. We have now to ask your Excellency to declare open the Easter Agricultural Show of 1899."

The Lieutenant-Governor replied as follows:—The address you have just read has caused me sincere pleasure. I thank you for your graceful allusions to myself, and have to assure you that it was absence from Sydney on official duty which alone prevented my having the honour of accepting your kind invitation for the years 1896, 1897, and 1898. I join with you in regretting the too early withdrawal of Lord Hampden from the colony. I know that he took a deep and intelligent interest in the affairs and progress of this society, as indeed he did in every work calculated to elevate and promote the best interests of New South Wales. I am much gratified to notice the continued prosperity of this society, and am convinced that in no better way can the Government advance the interests of the colony than by supporting the society in the valuable work it undertakes. It is very evident that the people of New South Wales fully appreciate the advantage of agricultural societies. In every part of the colony local institutions of this nature have been formed and emulation of the best kind created in the improvement of stock and of agricultural methods. This the parent, or if not the parent the principal, institution of this class in the colony shows forth an example to all others. In following this example we may hope to find not merely meritorious competition within each society, but emulation amongst the societies themselves. This emulation will tend to introduce a friendly and beneficial rivalry in all agricultural matters between the various local agricultural societies of New South Wales. I have now much pleasure in declaring the Easter Agricultural Show of 1899 to be open.

HONEY.

For the purposes of better displaying the honey a canvas building has been erected in close proximity to the Government Agricultural Department. The departure was welcomed gladly by those who are interested in apiary products, though even the present structure is said to be but a preliminary step to something still more suitable for this class of exhibit. Generally speaking the display of honey is far in advance of previous years; indeed the judges, in expressing their opinions on the quality of the products on view, grow quite enthusiastic, and remarked that they compare more than favourably with any others shown in the colony. Hitherto the best quality was to be seen at the Wellington and the Muswellbrook shows, but on the present occasion it is superior to even that exhibited at those places. One of the judges went so far as to say that it was the best ever displayed in the colony, the features being the attractiveness of the comb and the hives, the latter showing a great improvement on the old-fashioned box hive. Then again something new is to be seen in the display of fruits preserved in honey, a process that is considered to better preserve the flavour of the fruit, besides adding to it the delicacy of the flavour derived from the honey. The champion prize for the best collection of the products of an apiary is secured by Mr. W. Abram with a prettily arranged display of extracted comb, beeswax, fruit preserves in honey, &c. He also takes Messrs. Anthony Hordern's special prize for a collection of six 1lb. jars of liquid honey, six 2lb. liquid honey, six 2lb. candied honey, one dozen 1lb. sections in the comb, two large and two half Langstroth frames, and also empty frames, and about 25lb. of wax in ornamental and plain form. Further first prizes are awarded to the same exhibitor for Italian bees, a large and a small frame of honey, and a second prize—no first—was awarded for best display of comb honey. The second prize in the championship competition for the display is obtained by Messrs. Seabrook and Co. It is unusual to award a second prize in a championship, but in this case the National Beekeepers' Association offered a second prize. Seabrook and Co. also obtained first honours for one dozen 1lb. jars of liquid honey and in yellow and also white beeswax, and for a full-size frame of empty comb. Pender Brothers come out with three firsts in the manufactured products—foundation comb, wired frame, and Australian made hive—besides several seconds; and Roberts and Co. are first in granulated and extracted honey, with other honours.

MESSRS. ANTHONY HORDERN AND SONS.

From whatever part the visitor enters the ground his eye is attracted by the imposing structure erected by the abovenamed firm. At first glance the building, which is a brick one, looks plain, but the portico entrances at each corner give it rather a unique appearance. But once inside, one immediately forgets the appearance of the outside. Whoever is responsible for the arrangements of the exhibits has a true artistic eye and a knowledge of effects. If anything is wanting to complete the charm of the interior it would be a small fountain playing in the centre. The four section groups in the middle are relieved here and there with palms and ferns, which enhances the artistic arrangement of each collection. The wall of the northern end presents the more attractive part of the exhibits, for whilst the upper part is decorated with the choicest of wallpapers below them are arranged on one side a number of valuable and handsome Sicilian marble mantelpieces, circular and arched. The carving on them is very fine. Other elegant mantelpieces of coloured marbles, slates, and combinations are grouped around. On the other side there is a massive metal mantel, finished in art colours with side cupboards and ornamental shelves, a real work of art. Gasaliers, hall lights, and all varieties of lamps of the most artistic patterns procurable are hung from aloft or are placed on handsome stands. In front but grouped below a mass of glittering fenders in brass, steel, and silvered steel attract the passer-by. Turning down the centre the first section is devoted to pianos and organs. As one listens to a concerto being played on one of the Bricenstein pianos the soft and clear tones of the instrument speak loudly in its praise. There are others around it having on their panel the names of such celebrated makers as Richard Lipp and Sohn, Rud. Ibach, and Sohn, Carl Hoffmann, Rudolph Guthiant, &c. One of the specialties of the section are the grand-toned organs by Packard, at prices within the reach of the majority of music lovers. The other section embraces sewing machines by the best makers and comprising all varieties. Here the grouping of palms amongst the machines, and the attractive ladies in charge of these exhibits, make one linger in spite of oneself. Opposite this section is one devoted to bicycles, enough and of variety to please the most fastidious as well as the economy-minded cyclist. The centre part is given up to accessories and parts of bicycles; in fact, one can take sufficient sections home to build up a bicycle without much trouble. The last section of the centre is also very attractive for there can be seen photograph and picture frames of all shapes and sizes and in various degrees of elegance and choice productions. The most modest purse will find good value for its outlay. Quaint pottery and bric-a-brac, as well as other artistic supplements for the drawing-room, are arranged on this stand. Facing the western wall the housekeeper will find many useful household appliances, not forgetting a splendid lot of stoves and ranges. The builder can here pick out baths and sanitary ware to suit all requirements. The apiarist has before him the most improved incubators and other agricultural appliances. The farmer and gardener can at a glance pick out what implements he requires for his vegetable and flower garden, not forgetting the handsome trellis structures that give the meanest laid out garden such a fine set-off. The firm being agents for the celebrated English house, James Carter and Co., their seeds can be obtained at once. The epicure will smack his lips over the tastily arranged collection of Hicks Brothers' celebrated hams and bacon, not omitting the cured whole pig. The southern end is replete with a magnificent collection of tourists' requisites in the shape of trunks, Gladstone bags, portmanteaux, boxes, &c. The steel cabin trunks are a marvel of strength and cheapness combined. The eastern wall is perhaps to the art furniture lover the most attractive of the whole exhibition. There is reason for this when one critically interviews the beautifully designed Mohair, Brussels, and Axminster carpets hung in full view from the wall. The Axminster square carpet, we are informed, was made at Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Son's factory, and it is no doubt the finest piece of carpet manufactured in Australia. The eye is caught by a massive solid walnut sideboard, with heavy but choice carvings. This, and a fine collection of choice furniture for drawing, dining, and bedrooms and hall are also made at the firm's factory. One wonders at the beautifully designed bedsteads, and to give the sleeper the greatest comfort a new wire mattress has been invented and manufactured by them, having rolled edges and trebly woven. Venetian blinds, cornice poles, wire doors, and suchlike are at the end of this interesting section. We are unable, through want of space, to describe a large number of interesting exhibits we noted. Suffice to say that the poorest as well as the richest can obtain all that money can buy, from a needle to an anchor.

HORSES.

The central arena at the Agricultural Showgrounds presented an interesting and animated scene yesterday afternoon, when the general parade of horse stock took place, all classes from the powerful Clydesdale to the tiniest of ponies being well represented, while the bright colours of the ribbons with which the prizewinners were decorated helped to enliven the display. The blood stock were greatly admired, and the grand display of horses in harness was another striking feature of the parade. The generally expressed opinion of those who take more than ordinary interest in these matters is that this is the best show ever held at Moore Park. In the horse section a few classes were judged during the forenoon. For the best pair of buggy horses Messrs. A. Hordern and Sons were successful with a stylish pair bred by Mr. Philip Charley, both of whom are by imported Derby, while second honours went to Mr. George Loder's fine-looking pair Darkey and Rats, both by Maori, and bred by the exhibitor. The special prize presented by Messrs. Hardy Brothers for the best vehicle turnout, to be driven by a lady, pony not to exceed 14 hands, was responsible for keen competition, the turnout in most cases being exceptionally good, and after lengthy consideration Mr. A. Pointing's creamy, Princess, was decorated with the blue ribbon, Miss P. Richards's handsome dappled taffy securing second honours. The Broadway Ladies' Driving Competition for the best turnout, driven and owned by a lady, who must be the exhibitor, brought out over a dozen contestants. The judges had a very difficult problem to solve, and finally it was decided to parade the exhibits again on Monday next, when the prizes will be awarded. The awards were also distributed in the classes for ponies in saddle. Mr. H. D. Morton, of Coolangatta, was successful with the handsome black pony Norton in 14 hands class; Mr. G. W. Dodds's beautifully-shaped grey, Rebel, bred at Tablelop station, near Albury, took the prize in the 13 hands class; Dolly, the property of Mr. E. Playfair, was decorated with the blue ribbon in the class for 12 hands; and the prize in the 11 hands class fell to a handsome brown owned by Messrs. Andrews Brothers. The jumping contest for Tattersall's Hunters' Plate horses to carry 13st over four jumps (omitting the water jump) was responsible for a good exhibition, the competitors with very few exceptions flying the fences in grand style. Among those that showed sound pace with good jumping ability were Mr. John Garvan's Young Higlander, Mr. H. D. Morton's Marano and Thelma, Mr. Albert Oreil's Frisco, and Messrs. Glassford and Row's Bosun and Fairfield, the lastnamed of whom still retains his brilliancy over timber. The old hurdle racer Merrigal, by Robert the Devil, marred an otherwise good performance by rapping the last set, and Demos acted similarly. The only one to refuse was Mr. Edward Terry's Daisy Bell, who baulked at the third and fourth obstacles, but eventually blundered over. The final round of the contest takes place on Saturday afternoon. The ladies' hunting contest for the special prizes presented by Messrs. A. Hordern and Sons was one of the most exciting and interesting ever witnessed on the ground. The equestriennes that took part in the competition were Mesdames Kirk, Brown, Stace, Elliott, Phillips, and Davis, and the exhibition of riding, which was first-class, elicited frequent and well-deserved recognition from the spectators. At the close of the first round Marano, Pippo, Demos, Quondong, Fairfield, and Bosun were chosen by the judges to take part in the final competition, and eventually that grand performer, Messrs. Glassford and Row's Fairfield, who had been splendidly handled by Mrs. Davis, was decorated with the blue ribbon; second honours were gained by Mr. H. D. Morton's Demos, who was ably piloted by Mrs. Elliott; and his stable mate, Marano, who also had the services of Mrs. Elliott in the saddle, was awarded third prize.

Champion Awards.—Blood stallion: C. J. Roberts's Osculator. Arab stallion: V. J. Dowling's Arab Chief. Coaching stallion: Philip Chorley's Freedom. Trotting stallion: John Cameron's Chieftain. Clydesdale stallion: M. Waters's Lord Lyon. Blood mare: A. Hordern and Son's Novelette. Coaching mare: Philip Chorley's Dimple.

Vehicle turn-out, driven by a lady: Miss A. Pousting's Princess, 1; Mrs. G. T. Roughey, 2.

Pony in saddle, 14 and under: H. D. Morton's Norton, 1; H. Pateson's Dud h, 2. Pony in saddle, 13 and under: W. G. Dodds's Rebel, 1; John Booth's Lady Thomas, 2. Pony in saddle, 12 and under: E. Playfair's Dolly, 1. Pony in saddle, 11 and under: Andrew Bros., 1; Thomas Fox's The Nipyer, 2.

Ladies' Hunting Contest: Glassford and Row's Fairfield (Mrs. Davis), 1; H. D. Morton's Demos (Mrs. Elliott), 2.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The judges in this section continued their unfinished labours of the previous day by going through 22 entries for cheese prizes. The judges noticed a great improvement in a number of the exhibits that competed last year. Some of the cheeses were as fine flavoured as any that are imported from England, especially Cheddar. In big cheeses the Bodalla Company added another to their already long list of triumphs on this showground; but the judges thought the exhibit of Irvine and Stevenson, of New Zealand, so good that they recommended it for a special prize. In the class for loaf cheeses the Bodalla Company had to give way to a Victorian exhibitor. The display of bacon and hams was exceedingly good this year, especially in quality. The exhibitors hailed, outside of this colony, from Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand, and the intercolonial character of this part of the exhibition is the best proof we have that the fine quality of our dairy products is being recognised by those colonies who have been in the habit of belittling our attempts to establish a high character for those products. The honours fell, with the exception of one to Queensland, all to exhibitors from this colony. The task of the judges was by no means a light one, as they had over 250 hams and sides of bacon to choose the best from. The lard exhibits were exceptionally good.

DRESSED POULTRY AND OTHER FOODS.

As the Government Board for Exports has taken the trouble to inform poultry-breeders of the profits awaiting them in England, the paucity of the exhibits at this show is unaccountable. Only three breeders competed; the reason, we believe, being the petty prizes, 10s and 5s, offered. Although the prizes are small, the holding back of intending exhibitors until higher prizes are offered is a suicidal policy to pursue. It may lead to other colonies taking up the good things our poultry farmers disdain. The best class in the rest of the food products were the tinned meats, of which there were 12 competitors, and New Zealand carried off the prize. In the class for unspecified foods the judges made an equal award for canned fruits in syrup and tomato chutney. The construction of this class was an absurd one, as the competition included tea, jellies, pickles, dried herbs, and preserved eggs.

CANARIES.

Instead of being housed in the main pavilion, as formerly, the canaries are on view in the farm produce pavilion, close to the Government Agricultural Department's exhibits. There is a fair average of entries in each class, though in that respect the principal exhibitor by far is Mr. Edward Terry, who in the 122 birds on view claims no fewer than 41, and his name appears in 17 of the 24 classes. However, the palm for the most successful exhibitor in the matter of first prizes is H. Dunlop, who has secured five, and then come H. J. Heron with four and J. B. Trevail and G. A. Lewis with three each. The various classes are fairly well represented, Norwich, plain head, evenly marked buff, leading in point of numbers, while Yorkshire makes a good second.

PIGEONS.

It cannot be said that many breeders of pigeons have risen to the occasion in the present show, though what birds there are are of very fair quality. Carriers, pouters, barbs, nuns, priests, and archangels are few in number. Magpies are fairly well represented, and the same may be said of dragoons, both white and Birmingham fancy. Tumblers are a moderately strong class, and so are owls. The principal winner is Mr. H. C. Dellow, who secures no fewer than six first prizes, besides a number of seconds and thirds, those in first honours being in owls (African and English), homers (blue chequered and any other colour), turbits, long-faced beards, and long-faced baldheads. Mr. A. J. Gray, Mr. A. Markham, and Mr. R. B. Beattie each secure three firsts, and these are also well forward in the matter of seconds and thirds.

DOGS.

Lovers of "man's best friend," the dog, and they are rapidly on the increase in New South Wales, have every cause to be pleased with the admirable exhibition of canines. Not only are the entries more numerous than hitherto, but quality is much more in evidence. Many prominent exhibitors who usually confine their entries to the Kennel Club have this year co-operated with the "Royal" show and made it a distinct advance on its predecessors. In some of the classes dogs were benched that would earn cards at almost any exhibition in the world. This statement is supported by the appearance in the fox-terrier section of such high-class animals as Glendon Vicar and Valasca, owned by H. Moses, jun.; Donatus, the imported litter brother of Donna Fortuna (the world's champion), owned by W. Hamilton, who also showed Linden Visitor; and J. A. Dean's Ylo Treason. A magnificent mastiff, W. Cardin's Hazeldene Noble, is fit to meet in open competition the best of the breed extant. The judging was carried out under great difficulties, owing to the absence of a proper ring in which to parade the animals. A blazing sun and the encroachments of the public in the open space at the side of the pavilion rendered the judges' tasks difficult. The dogs seemed to resent the heat and the public, for several free fights occurred, the Irish terriers as usual being particularly aggressive. The sanitary and feeding arrangements in the hands of Mr. T. K. Steanes (Spratt's patent) were quite up to the mark. The first class on the list was bloodhounds. This eminently useful breed merits encouragement, especially in Australia, where tracking criminals and persons lost in the bush is often a serious consideration. H. G. Sandeman's well-known trio were benched and Berkeley Bluemaid was awarded the championship. Mastiffs were few, and W. Cardin's Hazeldene Noble, previously mentioned, overshadowed his opponents, and secured the champion award. In Newfoundlands E. Butcher's Melbourne-bred dog, Portwatch, scored easily. St. Bernards formed a splendid collection, the leading breeders of the colony being represented. Thirty specimens of the "holy" breed were on view. In the open class for dogs a dozen animals competed, and the championship fell to the lot of Mr. Lawrence Campbell, with his orange and white Highfield Merry Hawke. The excellent body properties of this dog outweighed, in the opinion of the judge (Mr. J. E. Pemell) any facial shortcomings. Mr. Edwin Palmer's Snow King, a young white dog, was a good second, and only wants age to mature into a good one. In bitches, H. E. Johnson's Stowcot Countess Leonie was first, and she also secured the championship. E. Palmer scored a double first in dog and bitch puppies with Strathfield Squire and Strathfield Snowflake respectively. Greyhounds were a strong class, and honours went to Kola and Tempe. H. Arrowsmith's team of Dalmatians was much admired. Sporting dogs supplied good classes, especially the setters. The championship in English went to H. Lilie's Spider. Theo. Michell's Gordon Kiewa Pen added another to his long list of victories. Kiewa Brunette, from the same kennel, was first in the bitch class. In Irish setters the chief honours went to F. Gannon and A. J. Metcalfe with excellent specimens. T. Lockley maintains his unbeaten record in retrievers, for Nelson, Hero, and Heroine annexed the blue card in their respective classes. One of the attractions of the show undoubtedly was the collies. Although there were no Palmbearers or First Shots in competition, the quality of the dogs benched was not to be lightly esteemed. H. F. Marr's Petersham Marksman scored over seven opponents in the open class, but the coveted championship card went to A. J. Gray's Laird of Eton, which was also first in the Australian-bred class. Spaniels, 24 in number, will not be judged till Saturday. Fox-terriers as a class were a feature of the show, for the lists included some of Australia's proved champions. Mr. T. F. Thompson had no easy task, especially when called upon to decide between the half-brothers Glendon Vicar and Linden Visitor, two front rank dogs. After a hard struggle Vicar, who showed for all his worth, squeezed home first and secured the championship. Another interesting duel—for the bitch championship—was that between the imported Valasca and Ylo Treason. This was the first meeting of these exhibits, and after a close fight, the award went to Valasca. The puppy class, dogs, produced two youngsters of exceptional promise in Mr. Moyse's pair, Medlow Mario and Metford II. The quaint looking dachshunds were a nice lot, F. Isitt, with Beauchamp, won champion honours. The popularity of Irish terriers was well shown by the large entries. In the open class for dogs R. Cowan's Eltham Spuds by Criterion was true to type, and he won the championship pretty easily from the pugnacious Pembroke Champion and a large field. Bitches, open class, first and champion, went to Dr. Gwynne Hughes's Pembroke Belinda. Bull terriers were not up to the usual standard, as several of the leading breeders were not represented. Bulldogs were of average merit, the chief winners being Tom Meadows, three firsts, and S. Jamieson. Skyes, black-and-tans, broken-hair, Yorkshire, and Australian terriers were much admired by the ladies and others. M. Daley held a strong hand in Scottish terriers, and won the dog and bitch championship. J. H. B. Martin also scored the double in Dandie Dinmonts. Warwick Briar (imp.) once more won for T. K. Steanes. Pugs, poodles, and Italian greyhounds formed nice classes.

DOGS.

Bloodhound, dog or bitch (judge, W. W. Freeman): H. G. H. Sandeman's Berkeley Bluemaid, 1 and champion; H. G. H. Sandeman's Berkeley Blue Peter, 2; H. G. H. Sandeman's Berkeley Bridesmaid, 3. Mastiff, dog: W. Cardin's Hazeldene, 1 and champion; S. & Dobbs's Ben Jonathan, 2. Mastiff, bitch: Stanton's Juno, 1. Newfoundland, dog (judge, J. E. Pemell): E. Butcher's Portwatch, 1 and champion; H. Hardwick's Hero, 2; M. Buemer's Nelson II., 3; Spencer Cornford's Mars, h.c. St. Bernard, rough or smooth-coated dog: Lawrence Campbell's Highfield Merry Hawke, 1 and champion; Edwin Palmer's Snow King, 2; J. T. Claesson's Sunlight Sir Hugh, 3; F. J. Page's Lord Randolph, v.h.c.; George M'Ewan's Hero, c. St. Bernard, rough or smooth-coated, bitch: H. E. Johnson's Stowcot Countess Leonie, 1 and champion; Edwin Palmer's Lady Hawke, 2; Joseph Graham's Lilin[illegible], 3; J. T. Claesson's Sunlight Lady Beryl, v.h.c. St. Bernard, puppy, dog: Edwin Palmer's Strathfield Squire, 1; J. T. Claesson's Sunlight Rescue, 2. St. Bernard, puppy, bitch: Edwin Palmer's Strathfield Snowflake, 1; J. T. Claesson's Sunlight Mercy, 2; J. T. Claesson's Sunlight Dawn, 3. Great Dane or boarhound, puppy, dog or bitch (judge, A. G. Sewell): Mrs. C. C. Marshall's Zac, 1. Greyhound, dog (judge, James Grant): Henry Kinkade's Kola, 1 and champion; James B. M'Mahon's Black Prince, 2; C. A. Paterson's Peeping Tom, v.h.c.; F. Wright's Spieler, c. Greyhound, bitch: J. J. Hynes's Tempe, 1 and champion; Carl Stephensen's Diana, 2; J. Boyce's The Sneaker, c.; F. Wright's Silver Queen, h.c. Kangaroo, smooth, dog or bitch: M. C. Davies' Spieler, 1. Dalmatian, dog: H. Arrowsmith's Bowness Prince, champion. Dalmatian, bitch: H. Arrowsmith's Bowness Zenana, champion; H. Arrowsmith's Bowness Zara, 2. Dalmatian puppy, dog or bitch: H. Arrowsmith's Bowness Zarina, 1; H. Arrowsmith's Bowness Zarina, 2. Pointer, dog (judge, A. Cuthbush): Charles Icely's Joe, 1; W. Taylor's Billy, 2. Pointer, bitch: H. Bunting's Rifle Myrtle, 1. Pointer, puppy, dog, or bitch: George Greenwood's Wood Wag, 1. Setter, English, dog: Mrs. Dr. H. Lilie's Spider, 1; F. and W. Brennan's Ripple, 2; W. F. Vivash's Fido, 3; Mrs. W. C. Smith's Sir Toby, h.c.; Denis O'Neill's Darby, c. Setter, English, bitch: C. Capon's Bush Nymph, 1; H. Bunting's Rifle Pearl, 2. Setter, English, puppy, dog, or bitch: Thomas Griffith's Sam, 1. Setter, Gordon, dog: Theo. Michell's Kiewa Pen, 1; Mrs. Watkin Wynne's Chowringhee Jack, 2; Algernon J. Metcalfe's Dundas Rover, 3; George Hopping's Jack, v.h.c. Setter, Gordon, bitch: Theo. Michell's Kiewa Brunette, 1; Algernon J. Metcalfe's Dundas Dawn, 2; J. J. Hyne's Wentworth Bell, 3. Setter, Gordon, puppy, dog or bitch: Harry Ackland, jun.'s, Jim, 1; H. Bunting's Rifle Duchess, 2; Frederick Gannon's, 3; George Kroll's Kroll's Hector, v.h.c. Setter, Irish, dog: Frederick Gannon's Rai, 1. Setter, Irish, bitch: A. Metcalfe's Dundas Noreen, 1; Thomas Chambers's Glenfoth, 2. Setter, Irish, puppy, dog or bitch: Frederick Gannon's, 1; Charles G. Farrell's Fost, 2. Retriever, dog: T. Lockley's Nelson Hero, 1; E. L. Hamilton's Rover Glitters, 2. Retriever, bitch: T. Lockley's Nelson Heroine, 1; R. B. Wallace's Blair Jess, 2; E. L. Hamilton's Rose Beauty, 3.

Judge: W. L. Oakes.

Collies, open class, dogs: H. F. Marr's Petersham Marksman, 1; Sydney J. Bloomfield's Glentworth Perfection, 2; Harold P. W. Gorman's Pax, 3. Collies, open class, bitch: John Wallace's Petersham Heatherbell, 1; John H. Bairstow's Glentworth Nellie, 2. Collies, Australian bred, dog: A. J. Gray's Champion Laird of Eton, 1 and special prize best collie exhibited; Francis J. Bourke's Monkland Victor, 2; John Monaghan's Laird of Ben Lomond, 3; Mrs. R. Seymour's Barney, h.c. Collies, Australian-bred, bitch: J. Hamilton Dobbie's Rene, 1; S. G. Fitzsimons's Lively Kate, 2; Wm. Austin's Glen Avon Sweet Lassie, 3; John Crett's Duchess of Devonshire, v.h.c. Collies, puppy, dog: Wm. Austin's Glen Avon Smuggler, 1; S. G. Fitzsimons's Glenbernie, 2; Miller and Campbell's Monkland Roy, 3; Alfred Brasch's Bruce, v.h.c.; H. F. Marr's Petersham Standard, h.c. Collies, puppy, bitch: J. E. Bashford's Mountain Lassie, 1 and champion; Whemsley and Dawson's Barrier Lady, 2; Miss Daisy Moody's Fluff, 3; Campbell and Miller's Monkland Lady, h.c.

Judge: T. F. Thompson.

Fox terrier, open class, dog: H. Moses, jun.'s, Glendon Vicar, 1 and champion; W. Hamilton's Donatus, 2; H. Moyse's Medlow Monarch, 3; J. A. Dean's Ylo Deposit, v.h.c. Fox terrier, open class, bitch: H. Moses, jun.'s, Valaska, 1 and champion; J. A. Dean's Ylo Treason, 2. Fox terrier, Australian-bred dog: W. Hamilton's Linden Visitor, 1; R. G. Brereton's Blairgowrie Mailboy, 2. Bitch: H. Moses, jun.'s, Glendon Speed, 1; J. A. Dean's Ylo Dancka, 2; E. O'Farrell's Flora, v.h.c. Fox terrier, puppy, dog: H. Moyse's Medlow Mario, 1; H. Moyse's Medlow Metford II., 2; John A. Dean's Ylo Dividend, 3; W. Delfendahl's Denton Delight, v.h.c. Fox terrier, puppy, bitch: H. Allerding's Hughenden Fussie, 1; W. Hamilton's Linden Legacy, 2; John A. Dean's Ylo Dazzler, v.h.c. Dachshund, dog: Fred. Isitt's Beauchamp, 1; Fred. Isitt's Daxie II., 2. Dachshund, bitch (judge, W. W. Freeman): A. J. Trier's Lady Pearl, 2; Fred. Isitt's Brownie, 3. Irish terrier, dog (judge, T. F. Thompson): R. S. and E. J. Cowan's Eltham Spuds, 1 and champion; Dr. Gwynne Hughes's Pembroke Champion, 2; Mrs. J. W. M'Kenny's Yowi Sandy, v.h.c. Irish terrier, bitch: Dr. Gwynne Hughes's Pembroke Belinda, 1; Mrs. J. W. M'Kenny's Yowi Hazel, 2; Campbell and Miller's Monkland Biddy, W. Carey's Clonmel Birdie, and T. Watson's Molly, v.h.c. Irish terrier, puppy, dog: Campbell and Miller's Monkland Joe, 1; Dr. Gwynne Hughes's Pembroke Patsy Hooligan, 2; R. M'Keown's Eltham Buffer, v.h.c. Irish terrier, puppy, bitch: F. Graham's Nettie, 1 and champion; Dr. Gwynne Hughes's Pembroke Kathleen Mavourneen, 2; B. Graham's Kate Murphy, v.h.c.; Dr. Gwynne Hughes's Pembroke Mary M'Ginnis, v.h.c. Bull terrier, dog (judge, C. Churchward): Mark Foster's Blenheim Foil, 1; W. S. Woodward's Sailor Prince, 2; Thomas Cuneo's Bully, 3. Bull terrier, bitch: A. E. J. Carmichael's Beauty, 1; W. S. Woodward's Venus, 2. Bull terrier, puppy, dog or bitch: W. S. Woodward's Maten, 1; W. S. Woodward's Bruno, 2. Bulldog, dog: S. Jamieson's Tifoo, champion; Tom Meadows' Meadows' John Norton, 1; John Young's On Guard, 2. Bulldog, bitch: Tom Meadows' Meadow's Yvette, 1; S. Jamieson's Glenmore Mischief, 2. Bulldog puppy, dog: Tom Meadows' Meadows' Dr. Hodgson, 1; S. Jamieson's Tom Crib, 2. (James Grant, judge.) Deerhound or staghound, dog: M. C. Davies' Strathdoon Woonga, champion, 1; M. C. Davies' Lord Morag, 2. Deerhound or staghound, bitch: M. C. Davies' Strathdoon Playful, champion, 1; M. C. Davies' Rosie Lee, 2; M. C. Davies' Newton Spey, v.h.c.; M. C. Davies' Bogunda, c. (Judge, A. C. Cutbush.) Beagle or foxhound, dog or bitch: W. C. Forster's Drummer, 1; George Waterhouse's Billy, 2; Rowland D. Brown's Cells, 3; J. Clark's Roger, v.h.c.; J. Clark's Beech, h.c. Harrier, dog or bitch: D. M'Glinchy's Laura, 2. (H. A. Richardson, judge.) Terriers, Skye, dog: H. Dunlop's Dreghorn Pottee, 1; Harold Potties, Renfrew Donald, 2; Harold Pottie's Renfrew Jock, 3. Terriers, Skye, bitch: Harold Pottie's Renfrew Queen, 1; Harold Pottie's Renfrew Lass, 2; H. Dunlop's Fan M'Leod II., 3. Terrier, black-and-tan, under 7lb., bitch: W. Coleman's Midget. Terrier, black-and-tan, over 7lb., dog: C. J. A. Powditch's Myall Prince, 2. Terrier, black-and-tan, over 7lb., bitch: C. J. A. Powditch's Myall Rose, 1. Terrier, Airedale, dog: T. K. Steanes's Warwick Brier (imp.), 1 and champion; Jabez Rhodes's Rustic Nipper, 2. Terrier, Airedale, bitch: Jabez Rhodes's Rustic Vixen, champion; T. K. Steanes's Warwick Una, 2; W. M. Walker's Beeston Lass, 3. Terrier, Scottish, dog: M. Daley's Wyong Scottie, 1 and champion; H. Dunlop's Ranji, 2. Terrier, Scottish, bitch: M. Daley's Wyong Jennie, 1 and champion; H. Dunlop's Dreghorn Margie, 2; John Walsh's Meg Merrilees, 3. Dandie Dinmont, dog: J. H. B. Martin's Quambi Jack, 1 and champion; J. H. B. Martin's Quambi Bill Howell, 2. Dandie Dinmont, bitch: J. H. B. Martin's Quambi Robinette, 1; J. H. B. Martin's Quambi Miss Martin, 2; J. H. B. Martin's Quambi How-De-Do-De, 3. Terrier, broken hair, dog: Sams and Stobie's Bathurst Sampson, 1; John Selby's Genera (Gordon), 2. Terrier, broken hair, bitch: Sams and Stobie's Bathurst Nell, 1; R. S. Bruce's Lady Munro, 2; Joseph Matterson's Cleveland Lass, v.h.c.; J. M. Carruguti's Gattie's Floss, h.c. Terrier, Yorkshire, dog or bitch: Sams and Stobie's Bathurst Poppy, 1; Mrs. M. A. Stephen's Flossie, 2; T. Smith's Jack the Second, h.c. Terrier, smooth hair, under 7lb., dog or bitch: Mrs. T. Donohoe's Camperdown Queen, 1. Terrier, broken hair, under 8lb., dog: Josias Dawe's Bonnie, 1; Joseph Matterson's Malua, 2. Terrier, broken hair, under 8lb., bitch: R. S. Bruce's Madame Stirling, 1; E. Le Petit's Trixey, 2; Joseph Matterson's Tiny, 3; George Ryan's Dolly, h.c. Terrier, broken hair, puppy, dog: J. Hughes's Brannigan, 1; J. M. Carrugati's Gatties Belltrees, 1; Joseph Matterson's Marvel II., 2; Sams and Stobie's Bathurst Nettle, 3; John Selby's Grace Darling, h.c. Terrier, Australian, dog, any colour: J. Hughes's Hazel, 1; Sams and Stobie's Bathurst Sandow, 2; Joseph Matterson's Tornado, 3. Terrier, Australian, bitch, any colour: Sams and Stobie's Bathurst, 1; J. Hughes's Northumberland Lassie, 2; W. J. Bover's Woniora Puss, 3; J. Heran's Paddy, h.c. Terrier, any other variety, dog or bitch: John Selby's Forest Lodge Dandy, 1; Joseph Matterson's Waitress, 2; Mrs. T. Donohoe's Camperdown Nipper, 3; A. H. Thomas's Tinae, h.c. Pug, dog: C. C. Tucker's Toby, 1; Miss Laura M'Burney's Zoa-Zoo, 2. Pug, bitch: Alexander Craig's Corrie, 1; A. J. Gray's Eton Belle, 2. Pug, puppy, dog or bitch: A. J. Gray's Mimosa San, 1; Miss Berrie Goddard's Bottle, 2. Italian greyhound, dog or bitch: John Herkert's Topsy, 1. Poodle, dog or bitch: George Toyer's Daisy, 1. Cattle dog or bitch: H. S. Biddulph's Longview Jack and R. Graham's Rose divide first prize.

POULTRY.

The fact that the entries this year nearly doubled those of the last show is proof that the society has done well in the poultry section. Feather-legged fowls appear to be waning in popularity, judging by entries at recent shows. The infusion of some imported blood would tend to improve these breeds, in the matter of size especially. Buff Cochins were of average merit. Langshans made excellent classes and many good birds were penned. It is a pity that such a useful breed as the Dorking is not better supported as a utility fowl; crossed with hard-feathered sorts, it is unsurpassed for the table. Wyandottes, by many thought to be the coming fowl, were good, especially the pullet classes, which were well handled. Plymouth Rocks were few, but those exhibited maintain the reputation of the breed for size. The popular Orpington produced keen competition, there being nearly 60 entries in six classes. It is to be noted that in the matter of weight several winners if put on the scales would fall far short of the standard in that respect. Breeders should not allow feather, shape, and sheen to obscure so important an essential in an orpington as weight. In the new breed, buff orpingtons, some of the winners still retain evidence of their origin in their black tails. Indian game, collectively, have not improved; but the winners in cocks, hens, and pullets stood out from the crowd. There was nothing phenomenal in the game classes—Malay, Australian, and British, most of which were backward in moult. The star of the lot was the winning British cockerel. Black Spanish, once the champion egg producers, are becoming extinct, having been pushed out of the running by utility fowls that have not been ruined by a craze for abnormal white in their face as have the Spanish. Andalusians were a nice lot. Minorcas were the special feature of the show, and the winning birds were full of quality. Leghorns, brown and white, were of exceptional merit. The laying qualities of the three breeds last noted are now appreciated, not only by fanciers, but by the general public. Game bantams were well supported, but entries were meagre in Polish and Hamburg classes. Ducks were a good lot, some of the exhibits being of surprising size and weight. A pair of geese and a couple of turkeys were also penned. The poultry for export, which will be sold by auction on the ground, secured three entries. The Government prizes for 20 cockerels and 20 ducklings for export produced some birds of extra good quality and condition.

Judges.—Cochins, Brahmas, and Geese, Mr. J. E. Pemell; Langshan, Houdan, Wyandotte, Spanish, Leghorn, Polish, any other variety, Mr. W. Hope; Dorkings, Plymouth Rocks, Indian Game, Mr. H. Cadell; eggs and special poultry for export, Mr. W. Harris and Mr. W. Hope; Malays and Orpingtons, Mr. W. Carson; British Game and Bantams, Mr. A. J. Compton; Hamburg, Mr. W. H. Webb; Minorca, Mr. D. S. Thompson; poultry for export, Mr. G. Bradshaw.

Cochins, buff or cinnamon, cock or cockerel: C. E. Howard, 1, 2, 3, h.c., and champion. Hen or pullet: C. E. Howard, 1 and h.c. Cochins, any other colour, cock or cockerel: A. Chatto, 1; W. C. Forster, 2; Bonaventure Farm, 3. Any other colour, hen or pullet: A. Chatto, 1; Bonaventure Farm, 2; W. C. Forster, 3. Brahma, light, cock or cockerel: W. C. Forster, 1; James Gosling, 2; Grantham, 3. Brahma, light, hen or pullet: James Gosling, 1; W. C. Forster, 2; Bonaventure Farm, 3. Dark cock or cockerel: J. L. Hall, 1, 2, and champion; Bonaventure Farm, 3. Dark, hen or pullet: J. L. Hall, 1; Bonaventure Farm, 2; W. C. Forster, 3. Langshan, cock: W. M. Fairland, 1; W. H. M'Keown, 2; Bonaventure, 3; W. Hunter, h.c. Hen: W. M'Keown, 1, 2, and champion; Bonaventure, 3; W. L. Fairland, v.h.c. Cockerel: W. H. M'Keown, 1 and 2; Bonaventure, 3. Pullet: Bonaventure, 1; W. H. and R. M'Keown, 2; W. F. Weeks, 3. Dorkings—Silver-grey cock or cockerel: Bonaventure, 1. Hen or pullet: G. Bradshaw, 1; Bonaventure, 2. Any other colour cock or cockerel: Bonaventure, 1 and c. Any other hen or pullet: Bonaventure, 1 and 2. Houdan—Cock or cockerel: G. H. Hemsworth, 1 and 2. Hen or pullet: Hemsworth, 1 and 2; Bonaventure, 3. Wyandotte—Golden cock: H. St. John Bell, 1; Bonaventure, 2. Hen: Bonaventure, 1; H. St. John Bell, 2. Wyandotte—Silver cock: Grantham Poultry, 1; L. L. Ramsay, 2. Hen: L. Roosewell, 1; L. L. Ramsay, 2; F. L. Lucas, 3; Mrs. George Cooke, h.c. Wyandotte—Any other colour, cock: F. Thompson, 1; Bonaventure, 2. Any other colour, hen: Bonaventure, 1. Wyandotte—Any colour, cockerel: H. Cadell, 1 and c.; Bonaventure, 2 and 3. Any colour pullet: H. Cadell, 1 and 3; A. E. and F. Henry, 2; Bonaventure and H. Dunlop, v.h.c. Plymouth Rock, barred cock: A. Munro, 1 and 2. Cockerel: Bonaventure, 1; W. Smith, 2; W. H. Webb, 3; G. H. Moulds, h.c. Pullet: W. H. Webb, 1; W. F. Weekes, 2; A. Munro, 3. Any other cock or cockerel: Bonaventure, 2. Orpington cock: L. L. Ramsay, 1 and 2; W. H. Webb, 3; J. E. Pemell, h.c. Hen: J. E. Pemell, 1 and 2; L. L. Ramsay, 3; H. M. Hamilton, v.h.c. Cockerel: Bonaventure, 1 and c.; J. E. Pemell, 2; L. L. Ramsay, h.c. Pullet: J. E. Pemell, 1 and 3; J. Ringrose, 2. Any other cock or cockerel: J. E. Pemell, 1; L. L. Ramsay, 2; H. M. Hamilton, 3. Pullet: R. Graham, 1 and 2; L. L. Ramsay, 3; J. E. Pemell, v.h.c. Indian game—cock: J. T. Town, 1 and 2; V. Hine, 3. Hen: J. T. Town, 1; W. Harris, 2; W. Parsons, 3. Cockerel: W. H. Goodman, 1 and 2; D. Gee, 3. Pullet: W. Parsons, 1; Westaway, 2; W. H. Goodman, 3. Malay—Cock: Bonaventure, 1. Pullet: W. H. Webb, 1, 2, and c. Australian Game—Cock: K. Macafee, 1; R. Wark, 2; J. Campbell, 3. Hen: J. T. Town, 1; W. H. Webb, 2; J. T. Campbell, 3. Any other colour—Cock: W. Heron, 1 and c. Hen: W. Heron, 1; W. H. Webb, 2; R. Thompson, 3. Cockerel, any colour: J. T. Campbell, 1; J. Carpenter, 2; J. T. Town, 3. Pullet: J. Carpenter, 1; J. T. Campbell, 2; E. Swaysbrook, 3. Hen feather cock: R. Thompson, 1; J. Mathieson, 2; D. Gee, 3. British game cock: J. Johnstone, 1; Campbell and Miller, 2. Hen: W. H. Webb, 1 and 3; Campbell and Miller, 2. Duckwing cock: W. H. Webb, 1. Brown-red cock: W. H. Webb, 2. Hen: W. H. Webb, 1. Vile game cock: Campbell and Miller, 1; W. H. Webb, 2. Hen: W. H. Webb, 1. Any colour cockerel: J. Johnstone, 1; W. H. Webb, 2. Pullet: W. H. Webb, 1; Campbell and Miller, 2; J. Johnstone, 3. Spanish cock: J. Kingrose, 1. Hen: W. Smith, 1 and 2; J. Ringrose, 3. Andalusian: J. Burke, 1; H. M. Hamilton, 2 and 3. Hen: H. M. Hamilton, 1 and c.; G. Cooke, 2; J. Burke, 3. Minorca cock: H. Cadell, 1; Bonaventure, 2; Grantham, 3. Hen: H. Cadell, 1; A. J. Lurcock, 2; W. H. Webb, 3; A. Lucas, v.h.c. Cockerel: H. Cadell, 1, 2, and c.; W. H. Goodman, 3. Pullet: H. Bannerman, 1; H. Cadell, 2; A. J. Lurcock, 3. Leghorn brown cock: R. Allworth, 2. Cockerel: J. Gosling, 1; R. Allworth, 2; Grantham, 3. Hen: R. Allworth, 1 and 2; Bonaventure, 3. Pullet: R. Allworth and F. Thompson, 1; G. Moulds, 3. Leghorn white cock: S. Partridge, 1; F. Thompson, 2. Cockerel: S. Partridge, 1 and c.; A. Lucas, 2; T. Nelson, 3. Hen: T. Thompson, 1; Bonaventure, 2; B. Hoppy, 3. Pullet: S. Partridge, 1; R. Woods, 2; J. Moncur, 3. Any other hen: Bonaventure, 2. Hamburg gold cock: Bonaventure, 1. Hen: Bonaventure, 1 and c. Pencilled cock: Bonaventure, 1. Cockerel: B. Pryor, 1. Hen: F. Murphy, 1. Pullet: B. Pryor, 1. Black cock: Bonaventure and Turner Brothers, 1; Grantham, 2. Cockerel: A. Dawson, 2. Hen: Bonaventure, 1; A. Dawson, 2. Polish hen: F. Murphy, 1. Cockerel: H. Bell, 1; Bonaventure, 2. Hen: Bonaventure, 1; H. Bell, 2. Pullet: Bonaventure, 1; H. Bell, 2. Bantam game cock: J. Blakemore, 1. Hen: J. Blakemore, 1; K. Ramsay, 2. A.O.C. cock: Bonaventure, 1; Campbell and Miller, 2; E. Gel, 3. Hen: J. Johnstone, 1; Campbell and Miller, 2; K. Ramsay, 3. A.O.V. cock: Bonaventure, 2; K. Ramsay, 3. A.O.V.: G. Bremner, 1; Bonaventure, 2. Ducks: W. Harris, W. H. Webb, S. Ellis. Geese: F. Smith. Turkeys: Grantham. Collection of eggs: W. Brown, 1; Cooper and Son, 2. Poultry for export: Cooper, 1; Brown, 2. Government prize.—Cockerels: B. Bertram. Ducklings: T. Burden.

In pigeons the chief winners were:—A. Markham, A. J. Gray, A. Thomas, H. C. Dellow, F. Holdsworth, R. Beattie, A. Cuming, J. Noble, J. Borton, E. C. Barker, R. Graham, and J. Macmahon.

The most successful in canaries were:—E. Terry, G. Lewis, C. Ronnan, H. J. Heron, T. Inglis, F. Bohn, H. Dunlop, A. Wells, J. Trevail, C. Copeland. Caged birds: C. Copeland, W. Frost, H. Mount.

CHEESE.

Three cheese, matured, from 18 to 28 lb.: Bodalla Company, Trunkelalbella Factory, 1; Irvine and Stevenson, St. George Preserving Company (N.Z.), 2; T. Binks, 3. Three cheese, matured loaf, from 9lb. not over 13lb.: John G. M'Nab, 1; Bodalla Company, 2.

HAMS AND BACON.

Fine hams, factory cured: Charles Barnes and J. C. Hutton divided. Two hams: Bodalla Company, Limited, 1; John M'Lean, 2. Five sides bacon, factory cured: Hicks Brothers and John M'Lean equal firsts. Two sides bacon, hand-cured and smoked: Hicks Brothers, 1; Bodalla Company, 2. Six bladders lard: J. C. Hutton, 1; John M'Lean, 2. Trophy of hams, bacon, and lard: Bodalla Company, 1; J. C. Hutton, 2.

HOLDSWORTH, MACPHERSON AND CO.

Among the largest and one of the most up-to-date exhibits is that of Messrs. Holdsworth, Macpherson, and Co. The rapid growth of this firm's machinery section has been noticed from year to year during the past four or five agricultural shows, but the display this year indicates that the firm's intentions are to occupy if not the first place at least a place in the front rank of up-to-date dealers in agricultural machinery and implements. Being the sole agents for the celebrated Moline Plow Company, Illinois, the exhibit is largely comprised of their high-class make of machines. One of the best general service ploughs to be seen on the ground is "The Blue Bird," with either wood or steel beams. Single and double furrow wheel walk ploughs, together with "The Flying Dutchman" and the "Good Enough" sulky plough, "Scotch Clipper" and rotary disc ploughs, make an ample display in this direction. The "Carlyle" spading and disc harrows, the "Empire" all-steel cultivators, the "Planter's Friend" corndrills, and the "Dagger" brand hand seed-drills and cultivators, are all shown to advantage. A large stand is devoted to Bentall's chaffcutters, and these are augmented by an improved pattern of Victorian manufacture known as Buncle's. Holdsworth, Macpherson and Co. are the agents. A variety of pumps is also shown, and the firm is distributing a new catalogue to all who care to ask for it. There is a huge marquee in connection with this exhibit, its interior being occupied with a wondrous assortment of saddlery, harness, household and kitchen ironmongery, art pottery, and electroplate. A notable feature in the saddlery and harness display is that every article shown has been made on the company's premises, and has as usual been the recipients of all the first prizes. Again we notice the effectiveness of the latest importations to this country, and must recommend all who wish to see "the very latest" to explore the interior of this mammoth tent. The "New Housewife" stove which has been advertised so much of late, and which is recommended especially for country use, is shown, and should be inspected. A very useful novelty for cyclists is Lawrence's Patent Cycle Suspender, a combination of patent pulleys and ropes, which makes the hoisting of one's cycle to a convenient place for rest or cleaning purposes merely the matter of a slight pull. At any time the rope is let go, the cycle remains at rest. A circular is being freely distributed notifying the public that a sale of china and glassware is in progress at the firm's showroom at 252 George-street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Among the stationary exhibits was a very fine collection of soaps, shown by Messrs. Allen Brothers, of Waverley, who had all kinds of good material, from wool-scouring to laundry soaps. The firm were awarded highest honours by the judges. Their stall in the pavilion was effectively draped with a handsome collection of scoured wools from the works of Messrs. Wright and Abbott, Lakeside, Botany, in the preparation of which the soaps of Messrs. Allen were used.

Some very fine bread made by Mr. J. W. Upton, of Junee, from flour made by Thomas Allsop and Son, of Murrumburrah mills, attracted a great deal of notice.

Very interesting machinery is that exhibited by Messrs. Milne Brothers, engineers, coppersmiths, and ironfounders, for pulping fruit. The possibilities of the pulped fruit export trade are enormous, and the up-to-date appliances shown by the company on a space next to the Clyde Engineering Company's stand should be inspected by all orchardists.

The Clyde Engineering Company has an enormous building and considerable outside space filled with the implements, machines, and engines that have been turned out by the famous works at Clyde. A great tower surmounts the building, and the display is one of the finest and most instructive ever seen on a showground.

In our notice of the cattle classes yesterday, which was necessarily condensed, we omitted to specially note the fine lot of dairy cattle shown by Mr. F. A. M'Kenzie. Mr. M'Kenzie's best cow was reserve champion, after a lot of consideration between the two on the part of the judges.

Messrs. Anderson and Co., whose dainty pavilion and miniature gardens surrounding it are one of the features on the ground devoted to the machinery section, being both novel and instructive, have had the reward of their spirited enterprise in the crowds that visited this interesting structure. The circular paths have been formed of coloured cement, which gives them the appearance of terra cotta. In the prettily laid-out beds a choice variety of the products of the garden, forests, and the orchard can be found there, the plants being necessarily small, although of the best quality. Even the fast-disappearing saltbush from the plains of the interior can be found growing in one of the beds, whilst as a set off to these miniature plants a huge pumpkin, weighing 140lb., grown by Mr. P. Gersbach, at Greenhills, looms on one of the paths, shadowing a mangel wurzel 27lb. in weight that was grown at Duckenfield Park. The inside of the pavilion is devoted to choice samples of seed of the best known cereals, grasses, flowers, and vegetables.

In connection with the prize offered by the Government Board of Experts for butter for export we are desired to state that Mr. J. Ireland (Rosebud Creamery, Newcastle) tied with two others for first prize. The name of the exhibitor appeared in our issue of yesterday as D. J. M'Lean, who occupies the position of manager of the firm in question.

With the view of demonstrating the pulping of various fruits for export Messrs. Milne Brothers, engineers and manufacturers of machinery, have been requested by the Board for Exports to erect a pulping machine close to the southern end of the Government pavilion. The work of preparing the fruit will be carried out by Messrs. Taylor Brothers, and operations will extend from 2 o'clock till 4 tomorrow and on Monday.

Miss Moore has been awarded first prize for a display of Barbatine work in class 872, decorative work.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held to-day at Rosebery Park, the first race commencing at 2.35 p.m. Omnibus and tram services will run direct to and from the course.

Trotting, pony, and galloway races will be held at Brighton on Tuesday and Friday, April 4 and 7. Entries for the different events close with the secretary, Mr. J. Deeble, jun., before 6 p.m. to-day. Particulars of the programme will be found in the advertising columns. Attention is drawn to the Time Handicap Trot of 45 sovs., distance 2 miles.

The five-year-old sister to Woodlark recently secured by a Townsville sportsman, has been placed in J. Allsop's hands to train at Randwick.

On account of Monday being a holiday the official measurer to the Kensington pony and galloway races will instead be in attendance on Wednesday next, between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, measuring.

Entries for the pony and galloway races to be held at Rosebery Park on Wednesday next close with the secretary, Mr. A. E. Bateman, before 5 p.m. to-day. The programme will be found in the advertising portion of the paper.

The following is the order of sale and the location of the different drafts of yearlings to be sold by Messrs. Chisholm and Co. on Tuesday, 4th April:—

Mr. S. Hordern, Hordern's training stables, Botany-street, Randwick; Mr. J. C. Gunnell, Brown's, Kensington (near Post-office); Messrs. Eales Brothers, A.J.C. Hotel, Randwick; Mr. Walter Eales, A.J.C. Hotel, Randwick; Mr. H. C. White, T. Payten's, Newmarket, Randwick; Mr. James Thompson, Clarence stables, Kensington (near Post-office); Wollogorang Estate, H. Reyner's, Jane-street, Randwick; Messrs. Thompson and Sons, A. Thompson's, Morpeth Villa, Avoca-street, Randwick, and T. Payten's, Newmarket, Randwick; Mr. J. T. Cox, T. Payten's, Newmarket, Randwick; Mr. A. Hooke, jun., Brown's, Kensington (near Post-office); Mr. Percy Reynolds, T. M'Carthy's, Clive House, Randwick; Mr. E. E. White, J. Monaghan's, Wentworth-street, Randwick; Mr. F. Darley, J. Monaghan's, Wentworth-street, Randwick; Mr. C. E. M'Dougall, C. M'Keown's Kensington (near Post-office); the Hova stud (Victoria), near J. Monaghan's, Wentworth-street, Randwick.

The yearlings to be sold by Mr. T. S. Clibborn on Wednesday, April 5, can be inspected as under:—

Tocal stud: Cols., Mr. Banks' stables, Lower Randwick; fillies, Mr. Lynch's stables, John-street, Lower Randwick. Hobartville stud: Mr. B. H. S. Gibson's, Greenstead, Randwick; Mr. M'Intyre, A.J.C. Hotel, Randwick; Mr. J. Bradford, Mr. G. B. Dunn's Doncaster-avenue, Kensington; Hon. Geo. Lee, Mr. J. Monaghan's, Randwick; Mr. A. W. Nevton, Mr. A. W. Barry's, Lower Randwick; Mr. Jas. Cooper, Mr. G. D. Wood's, near A.J.C. Hotel, Randwick; Neotsfield Stud, Mr. Flanagan's stables, Young-street, Lower Randwick; Mr. R. C. Allen, Mr. J. Monaghan's, Randwick; Russley Stud, A.J.C. Hotel, Randwick; Mr. E. M'Quade, Atkinson's, Campbell-street, Haymarket; Mr. A. O. Power, at the racecourse; Mr. John Seath, at the racecourse; Mr. G. B. Dunn, now at Doncaster-avenue, Kensington; Mr. O. Allen, A.J.C. Hotel, Randwick.

The drafts from Messrs. Power, Seath, Dunn, and Allen will not arrive until April 4 and 5.

The time for the closing of entries for the Autumn Stakes and Kensington Plate, to be run at Kensington, has been extended to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4.

A very indifferent gallop by Bobadil yesterday morning at Randwick caused a deal of stir yesterday in racing circles, and the horse quickly receded in the betting market for the Sydney Cup from 2 to 1 to 4 to 1. Mr. M'Donald, when seen by a "Herald" reporter, stated that to all appearances Bobadil was quite sound and in perfect health, but he (Mr. M'Donald) was entirely at a loss to account for the poor form shown, as Bobadil is a free worker. In another horse he would not be inclined to pay much importance to it. At exercise during the afternoon Bobadil moved as if there was not anything troubling him.

There are after the final acceptances 27 horses left in the Doncaster Handicap. The only one among the withdrawals that was entrusted with much public money was Regained. There are still 26 horses left in the Sydney Cup, the most prominent of those scratched yesterday being Majestic, who has only been treated to light work since he came to Randwick.

Mr. R. Rouse, of Biraganbil, lost last week a six months' old filly by Lochiel from Melissa, and therefore a full sister to Survivor. She wrenched herself and died a few hours afterwards.

Edna Lyle, who was leased by T. Lamond from Mr. S. Hordern, has been turned out for a long spell.

Among the intercolonial visitors who arrived yesterday to assist at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting were Messrs. J. V. Smith, C. M. Lloyd, and W. Leonard, from Victoria.

Our Melbourne correspondent telegraphs that Iramoo, Carbinier, and N. Z. left on Thursday to fulfil their engagements at Onkaparinga on Easter Monday. Mooney will ride Iramoo in the Hurdle and N.Z. in the Steeplechase. Carbinier will be ridden in the Cup by S. D. Fisher.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

Yesterday morning was cold and slightly foggy. The hurdles on the Randwick course proper were out about 25 yards. Tecoma led off on the course proper by beating Auld Lang Syne by half a length over a mile in 1 minute 50½ seconds; the first half-mile took 52½ seconds. Hinau did a useful gallop once round in 2 minutes 44 seconds. North British, with a fair weight up and keeping a very wide course, ran a mile in 1 minute 49½ seconds, the last seven furlongs in 1 minute 33 seconds, pulling up well and beating Lauri over the last six furlongs. This was the best time gallop of the morning for seven furlongs. St. Clare had a slight call over Dewey at the end of five furlongs—run in 1 minute 9 seconds. And Lowland Chief beat Bridegroom by a dozen lengths over six furlongs in 1 minute 21½ seconds. The sensation of the morning was the bad defeat of Bobadil over a mile by Voma, Symmetry, Ailie, and Watercolour. The first pair finished together four lengths in front of Ailie, who had Watercolour three lengths astern; then came Bobadil half a dozen lengths away. The distance was run in 1 minute 50 seconds, and the onlookers could scarcely believe their eyes when they saw the gallant little "Bob" with Manning in the saddle toiling in the rear. Some thought the crack was loafing, but when he pulled up signs of slight lameness in the near hind leg were observed. Vigorous, brought home by Claret, ran 7 furlongs in 1 minute 33½ seconds. Miss West did a fast gallop alone. Johansen beat Salute by four lengths over a mile in 1 minute 52 seconds. April Fool was not fully extended by Hope at 7 furlongs, which the imported horse accounted for in 1 minute 35½ seconds. Felicity beat Ambition by a length and Miss Melos by five over 6 furlongs in 1 minute 23½ seconds. Condiment beat Cavalier by a dozen lengths in a spin over 7 furlongs, in 1 minute 35½ seconds. Alice Mostyn beat Reviver by two lengths over 6 furlongs in 1 minute 24 seconds. Boonal beat Nevada (who was ridden out with the whip) over 6 furlongs, for which the watch showed 1 minute 21½ seconds. Blue Nobby ran a mile in 1 minute 51½ seconds. Lady Trident beat a friend by 20 lengths over a mile in 1 minute 48 seconds. Voyou, Tuileries, and Wilton were pretty much on terms at the end of 6 furlongs, run in 1 minute 23½ seconds. Alemene ran 7 furlongs, over which she easily beat Report in 1 minute 36 seconds. Triseid ran a mile in 1 minute 54 seconds. Grand Stuart beat Wooral over a mile in 1 minute 55 seconds. Residue did a useful gallop alone, and Delusive ran about 5 furlongs. Clarion, with Chevisaunce to take him along for five furlongs and Ewen Dhu to bring him home, ran a mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 21½ seconds. He finished much better than on Tuesday, but did not carry much weight. Influenza took 2 minutes 25 seconds to run a mile and a quarter. X Ray was 2 minutes 27 seconds running the last 10 furlongs of a round. He was assisted by York and Surprise. Nambucca beat Corrozette over 7 furlongs in 1 minute 40 seconds. Woodlark beat J.B.C and Violet and Gold very badly over a mile and a furlong in 2 minutes 7 seconds, the last mile taking 1 minute 51 seconds. Wongy and Mist did a strong gallop together over about 10 furlongs. Ottoman and Houri ran 5 furlongs in 1 minute 9½ seconds, a distance that Melodian took a quarter of a second more to run. Chesney merely stayed with Fifeshire over 7 furlongs, for which the watch showed 1 minute 38 seconds. Scorn beat Regained by four lengths over 6 furlongs in 1 minute 24 seconds. Sirdar and Fireman beat The Labourer off over 6 furlongs—run in 1 minute 23½ seconds. Cabin Boy ran a mile in 1 minute 50½ seconds. Vocalist and Dozen beat Murra over a mile in 1 minute 51½ seconds, while Coraquist and Terapore knocked off 7 furlongs in 1 minute 37½ seconds. Bellwood beat Kallatina by four and Nuka and Tawera by eight lengths over a mile, which he ran in 1 minute 50½ seconds. Coir beat Miss Graham over 7 furlongs in 1 minute 39 seconds. Tio ran 6 furlongs fast, and Caridale beat Amourette over 6 furlongs in 1 minute 23 seconds. Kalingo went 6 furlongs in 1 minute 25½ seconds, America joining in for the last 5. Kate beat Cordon over 5 furlongs in 1 minute 8 seconds. Rona ran 6 furlongs in 1 minute 24 seconds, and Coal Queen the last 6 of 7 furlongs in 1 minute 22 seconds. Ruskin ran 5 furlongs in 1 minute 10 seconds, while Fitzroy with M'Gee in the saddle slipped over a mile in 1 minute 49½ seconds.

The Rock pioneered the fast work on the tan by badly beating Cobham over 6 furlongs in 1 minute 19½ seconds, and Vivian followed by holding Delighted at the end of 6 furlongs, run in 1 minute 6 seconds. Burleigh did a strong working gallop over a mile, and Filigree ran 6 furlongs in 1 minute 22 seconds. Crosslake ran a mile and three furlongs, doing the last round in 2 minutes 21½ seconds, ridden out. Telegraph covered 5 furlongs in 1 minute 9 seconds. Then Idle Boy, with a light weight up, beat George Frederick, who was also lightly weighted, by three lengths, and Riffeite, who carried the most weight, by five lengths, over a round in 2 minutes 21½ seconds. Carberra beat Toxteth by five lengths over a mile in 1 minute 46½ seconds. The Prize beat Manildra by two lengths over 6 furlongs, which were cast behind in 1 minute 19½ seconds. Echo jumped the steeplechase fences fairly well, and Mymidon negotiated half a dozen hurdles moderately. Roslyn and Elwin jumped hurdles well in company.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

The following are the final acceptances for the principal races to be run at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting:—

DONCASTER HANDICAP—1 mile.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Cabin Boy	9	7	Alemene	7	10	The Rock	7	0
Eastern King	9	3	Nevada	7	12	Delusive	6	13
Hopscotch	9	2	Voma	7	10	Condiment	6	13
Vivian	9	0	Vigorous	7	8	Diffidence	6	12
North British	8	11	Dozen	7	8	Stelene	6	9
Fitzroy	8	6	April Fool	7	7	Carberra	6	8
Watercolour	8	4	Miss West	7	5	Tecoma	6	7
Symmetry	8	0	Coal Queen	7	3	Nambucca	6	7
Toxteth	8	0	Vocalist	7	0	Nuka	6	7

CHAMPAGNE STAKES—6 furlongs.

Hon. W. A. Long's b c Beaulieu, by Grand Flaneur—Rosedier.
Mr. F. Fielder's ch c Lowland Chief, by Autumn—Legado (10lb penalty).
Mr. W. H. Mate's br f Fulminate, by Gossoon (imp.)—Percussion.
Mr. W. R. Hall's b c Reviver, by Clan Stuart—Melissa.
Mr. T. Lamond's br f Condiment, by Gossoon—Cinnamon (10lb penalty).
Mr. W. R. Wilson's br c Scorn, by Bill of Portland—Tea Rose (10lb penalty).
Mr. S. Hordern's ch f Coir, by Abercorn—Copra.
Mr. J. East's b f Alice Mostyn, by Neckersgat—Miss Mostyn.
Mr. A. Stanley's b c Coruquist, by Abercorn—Eommloguest.

A.J.C. ST. LEGER—1¾ mile.

Mr. Fred. Bennett's br c Riffeite, by Carbine—Ravenswing.
Mr. W. R. Wilson's br c Bobadil, by Bill of Portland—She.
Mr. F. Austin's b c Lee-Metford, by Carbine—Felicitas.
Mr. W. D. Duckham's br g, by Invader—Lady Flaneur.
Mr. J. Wilson, jun's., ch g Avalon, by Strathmore—Chintz.
Mr. A. M'Cracken's b c Hephaestus, by Carbine—Hera.
Mr. W. A. Noake's b g Johansen, by Nordenfeldt—Lady Nora.
Mr. A. M'Cracken's br f Drama, by Trenton—Tragedy.

SYDNEY CUP—2 miles.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Merloolas	9	12	X Ray	7	9	April Fool	7	0
Bobadil	9	2	Johansen (I. Nansen)	7	9	Maecenas	6	12
Eastern King	8	8				Idle Boy	6	10
Lee-Metford	8	5	Nevada	7	8	Vocalist	6	10
Clarion	8	3	Woodlark	7	8	The Rock	6	10
Fitzroy	7	13	Toxteth	7	6	Delusive	6	8
Ailie	7	12	Alemene	7	6	Diffidence	6	8
North British	7	11	George Fredk	7	4	Carronade	6	7
Crosslake	7	10	Influenza	7	0	Tawera	6	7

THE BETTING MARKET.

There was a good attendance last night at Tattersall's rooms, when the card for the Doncaster Handicap was read over by Mr. George Eaton. Speculation was brisk. The first business transacted was over Vivian, 500 to 15 being laid against him. After this 500 at 8 to 1 was written against North British. Fitzroy would have been backed at 100 to 3, but 100 to 4 was the best offer. Water Colour found support to the extent of 1700 taken at 100 to 4, and more was wanted at the same price. A commission was in the market to support Symmetry at 100 to 3, but 100 to 4 was the best offer. Voma could have been backed for 6300 at 100 to 4. As soon as 200 at 8 to 1 was placed on the market against Vigorous it was snapped up, and more business could have been recorded at the same price, but 7 to 1 was the best offer. At 100 to 3, 500 was accepted against Dozen. A line of 100 to 5 was written against April Fool. Coal Queen found support for 500 to 15, then 200 to 7, and finally 500 to 20. About Vocalist 1000 to 25 was written, followed by a single 100 to 3. The Rock was backed for 300 to 45, after which Delusive became the medium of speculation, 3000 to 200 being written against her. There was still left 2000 at 100 to 10 on offer against her. Diffidence was befriended to the extent of 1200 to 60, after which 1600 to 45 was wanted, but the horse was firm at 100 to 5. The only wager written against Carberra was 500 to 30, and then in one hand 1000 to 40 was taken about Tecoma. Following are the prices on offer:—7 to 1 each v. North British and Vigorous, 10 to 1 each v. The Rock and Delusive, 100 to 7 each v. Hopscotch and April Fool, 100 to 6 each v. Alemene, Dozen, and Carberra, 100 to 5 each v. Cabin Boy, Water Colour, Miss West, Diffidence, and Tecoma, 100 to 4 each v. Eastern King, Fitzroy, Symmetry, Nevada, Voma, Coal Queen, and Condiment, 100 to 3½ v. Vivian, 100 to 3 each v. Toxteth, Vocalist, and Nambucca, 100 to 2 each v. Stelene and Nuka.

After the reading of the card the following wagers were laid:—1000 to 60 v. Hopscotch, 1000 to 120 v. North British, 1000 to 40 v. Water Colour, 2000 to 60 v. Symmetry, 1000 to 70 v. Vigorous, 1000 to 50 v. Miss West, 1000 to 40 v. Coal Queen, 3000 to 300 v. The Rock, 1000 to 60 v. Carberra, and 1000 to 80 v. Delusive. Alemene was backed to win 2000 at 100 to 5. Vigorous at the close of operations was favourite at 7 to 1, North British being 8 to 1.

The card was also called over by Mr. J. Clark at City Tattersall's Club last night, when the following wagers were registered:—100 to 12 v. North British, 200 to 12 v. Hopscotch, 100 to 6 v. Symmetry, 100 to 14 v. Vigorous, 100 to 8 v. The Rock, 100 to 5 v. Condiment, 100 to 5 v. Carberra, 100 to 2 v. Nambucca.

DUBBO TROTTING AND RACING CLUB.

Fine weather was enjoyed yesterday for the second metropolitan meeting of the above club. There were 1000 persons present, but the patronage was not so good this year as last. No doubt the counter attraction of the agricultural show was responsible in some measure for the deficiency. Among the horses that competed there were many high-class trotters, but the same fault was to be found with the fixture that pertains more or less to all trotting meetings—the unevenness of the contests. The feature of the day was the effort of the champion Fritz to lower his record of 2 minutes 13 seconds for the mile. The horse looked well, and moved off in beautiful style, but he tired towards the finish owing to the heavy going on the grass track. The time, 2 minutes 17 seconds, is 2 seconds slower than his performance on the same track last year. Proceedings were commenced with a three minute class trot, and though the two divisions were simply one-horse contests, the final between Silver Boy and Valdemar proved interesting, but Silver Boy, who was in side lines, made the pace too solid all the way for his opponent, who broke frequently. In the Wonbobbie Handicap Trot Huon Prince, a small but stoutly made four-year-old horse, who was on the limit, held his advantage all the way, though half a mile from home Silver Boy was overtaking him, but under pressure tired and finished badly. Nigger in the Electric Handicap cleared out from the field, and could have won by 200 yards had the driver urged him over the last mile. The Dubbo Trot was a procession, with Silverhue and Valdemar in the lead. Following are the results:—

Three Minute Class Trot of 15 sovs., 1 mile.—First division: Mr. E. Beckett's b g Silver Boy, by Ern, 5 years (R. Millson), 1; Mr. W. M'Millan's ch m Silverhue, 5 years (W. M'Millan), 2; Mr. J. A. Buckland's b g St. Julian, 4 years (C. Piper), 3. Other starters: Chieftain, Dick Harold, Bentwood. Betting: Even money on Silver Boy, 5 to 2 v. Silverhue, 3 to 1 v. Chieftain. Won by two lengths. Time, 2 minutes 47 seconds. Second division: Mr. J. J. Smith's blk h Valdemar, by Viking—Lonely Maid, aged (A. White), 1; Mr. H. B. Francis's gr m Doll, aged (E. Lake), 2. Other starters: Duchess, Shakespeare. Betting: 3 to 1 on Valdemar. Won by 100 yards, the others being distanced. Time, 2 minutes 59½ seconds. Final division: Silver Boy, 1; Valdemar, 2. Betting: 4 to 1 on Silver Boy, 4 to 1 v. Valdemar. Won by four lengths. Time, 2 minutes 57½ seconds.

Wonbobbie Handicap Trot of 20 sovs., 1½ mile.—Mr. G. M. Slate's br h Huon Prince, by Huon—Laila, 4 years, scratch (G. M. Slate), 1; Mr. W. M'Millan's ch m Silverhue, 5 years, 4 seconds behind (W. M'Millan), 2; Mr. J. M'Grath's rn m Lettie, aged, 12 seconds behind (F. Batt), 3. Other starters: Vanera, scratch; Chief, 4 seconds behind; Queenie, 4 seconds behind; Sam Louis, 4 seconds behind; Bentwood, 8 seconds behind; St. Julian, 8 seconds behind; Heiress, 8 seconds behind; Mummel Boy, 12 seconds behind; Silver Boy, 19 seconds behind; Charlie, 19 seconds behind; Rusdan, 22 seconds behind; What, 27 seconds behind. Betting: 4 to 1 each v. Huon Prince, What, Silverhue, and Silver Boy, 6 to 1 v. Lettie. Won by six lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 4 minutes 19 seconds.

Macquarie Handicap (14.2), of 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—Colin Gallimore's ch c Acorn, 2 years, 7st 5lb, including 7lb penalty (G. Gallimore), 1; W. H. M'Donagh's blk or br m St. Mary, 6 years, 7st 8lb (F. M'Guiness), 2; J. Lawlor's ch m Mantle, 4 years, 7st 6lb (F. Williams), 3. Other starters: Marionette, 8st 2lb; Lexia, 7st 13lb; Frawney, 6st 9lb, including 2lb over. Betting: 6 to 4 on Acorn, 4 to 1 v. St. Mary, 5 to 1 v. Marionette. Won by six lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 59½ seconds.

Electric Handicap Trot, of 15 sovs., 2 miles.—C. Burling's blk g Nigger, aged, scratch (C. Burling), 1; E. Byrnes's b g Tommy B., aged, 17 seconds behind (R. B. Loseby), 2; J. A. Buckland's b m Sunshine, 4 years, 33 seconds behind (C. Piper), 3. Other starters: Doll, scratch; Lettie, 19 seconds behind; Rusdan, 27 seconds behind; Nancy, 37 seconds behind; Coolgardie, 44 seconds behind. Betting: Even money on Lettie, 3 to 1 v. Sunshine, 5 to 1 v. Nigger. Won by 60 yards, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 5 minutes 41 seconds.

Kensington Handicap (15 h) of 30 sovs., 5 furlongs.—H. J. Robinson's b m Minerva, 4 years, 8st 2lb, including 5lb penalty (F. Williams), 1; J. Fawcett's ch g Lyndhurst, aged, 7st 13lb (H. Hughes), 2; W. H. M'Donagh's rn g Rat-a-tat, aged, 6st 7lb (A. Harkness), 3. Other starters: Lily, 9st 8lb; Jasper, 7st 8lb; Waiter, 7st 3lb; Clare, 8st, including 7lb penalty. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Minerva and Jasper, 6 to 1 each v. Clare and Lyndhurst, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by two lengths, half a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 5 seconds.

Dubbo Handicap Trot of 30 sovs., 2 miles.—W. M'Millan's ch m Silverhue, 5 years, 4 seconds behind (W. M'Millan), 1; J. J. Smith's blk h Valdemar, aged, 2 seconds behind (A. White), 2. Other starters: Chief, 4 seconds behind; Uranius, 6 seconds behind; What, 36 seconds behind; Sunshine, 36 seconds behind; Economy, 47 seconds behind. Betting: Even money on Valdemar, 6 to 4 v. Silverhue, 10 to 1 bar two. Won by 20 yards from second, the others being distanced. Time, 5 minutes 13½ seconds.

WARIALDA RACES.

WARIALDA, Thursday.

The entries for the two chief races are:—Veruna, Boorooka, Lord Monmouth, Tiberius, Endora, Ramrod, Limerick, Phil May, Miss Trenton.

CRICKET.

THE KING'S SCHOOL PAST v. PRESENT.

The ex-students of The King's School visited Parramatta on Wednesday, and played two matches with the boys at the school. In the first eleven the result was a draw. L. Pye played a splendid innings for the "Old Boys" for 100 retired, and for "The Boys" Waddy made 72 by first-class cricket. At tea Waddy and Parbury were presented with a bat each for highest score in each eleven. Appended are the scores:—

Old Boys.

J. Holdsworth, b Richards	47	G. Innes, st Waddy, b F. Booy	21
H. Riley, b Middleton	0	H. C. Rouse, lbw Middleton	26
J. Manchee, c Middleton, b Richards	4	G. Hughes, c F. Futter, b Doyle	15
S. Walford, b Richards	8	S. G. Lordell, not out	11
L. Pye, retired	100	Sundries	16
J. D. Futter, b F. Futter	2		
C. G. Wade, b F. Futter	1	Total	251

The King's School.

Waddy, b Manchee	70	Middleton, lbw, b Rouse	1
Evershed, b Holdsworth	21	Cox, b Hughes	20
F. Futter, c Walford, b Pye	5	V. Futter, c J. Futter, b Hughes	4
White, b Pye	6	Richards, not out	4
Doyle, lbw, b Manchee	30	Sundries	11
E. Body, c Wade, b Rouse	29		
Ferry, not out	39	Total for 9 wickets	224

In the second eleven match the School won by 40 runs. For the School (C. E. Byrie 18, Parbury 18, Phillips 14, and Manning 15), got the runs, and for the "Old Boys" (A. Bettington 33, G. Blaxland 23, and C. Guncher 14), batted well.

An interesting ceremony took place at the Oxford Hotel on Wednesday afternoon, when some of the members of the I Zingari Club met their old clubmate, Mr. P. Arundel Rabett, who has just resigned his position as manager of the Pitt-street branch of the English, Scottish, and Australian Bank to enter into private business. The room was well filled, and Mr. L. T. Lloyd, who presided, stated that they had met together to wish their comrade every success in his new sphere of labour, and also to present him with a small token of their appreciation of the services he had rendered the club as its treasurer. Mr. Rabett, in reply, thanked them for their valuable present, which would always remind him of the many warm friendships that had been cemented on the cricket field. He wished also to thank them for their very kind wishes for his future. The presentation consisted of a gold sovereign purse and matchbox combined, suitably inscribed.

LAWN TENNIS.

The practice team for the forthcoming intercolonial match with Victoria has been putting in some good play during the last two days. Colquhoun, who has not been on the courts for a considerable time, was out on Tuesday, and brought off some very pretty shots. He had some good rallies with Edwards. Dewhurst also is getting back into form. In good condition he will be a hard man to beat for the championship.

The final of the Singles Handicap of the Sydney Club was played off yesterday between Kidston and Poidevin, and was very closely contested. Kidston eventually came out on top by two sets to one. In the first set Kidston (owing 15½) took the first game after it had been called 40 to owe 15 against him, but he was unable to concede the odds for the next few games, Poidevin having the lead at 4-2. Poidevin (whose style—very like that of Curtis—promises very well) at this stage played very nicely, but had some hard work to do in chasing the accurately placed shots of his opponent. Maintaining his lead, however, he took two out of the next four games, and the first set at 6-4. In the second set Kidston's play was much stronger, and he got in a great many cross-court drives off his forehand that completely beat his opponent. The second set thus went to Kidston at 6-1. In the third set the fight was very keen. Kidston took the first two games and Poidevin responded with the next two. Coming away again Kidston got a big lead at 5-2, and had the set well in hand. Poidevin, however, was not yet done with, and playing splendidly he took the eighth game after a great struggle, deuce being called about seven or eight times. Securing the next also, he had the game only 5-4 against him. With a determined effort Kidston, however, after a tussle took the next game and third set and match, two sets to one—the score being Kidston beat Poidevin 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Poidevin's passing shots were very good, but Kidston, by sticking almost completely to the back court, gave him few opportunities of bringing them off.

BOWLS.

VISIT OF INTERCOLONIAL PLAYERS.

Mr. Moley, the hon. secretary of the Ballarat bowlers, together with several of his team, arrived last evening by the steamer Bulimba, and were met at the wharf by the hon. secretary of the New South Wales Association and other prominent bowlers. The remainder of this team and also of the M.C.C. will arrive by express train this morning from Melbourne, and will be met at the Redfern station by the president and principal officers of the association. They will then be driven to the Empire Hotel, the headquarters of the visitors, where they will be officially received, and where all bowlers are invited to attend at 11 a.m.

WAVERLEY PARK TOURNAMENT.

On Wednesday afternoon at the Waverley Club's green an additional match was played off in connection with the rink tournament. Owing to the lateness of the hour play was discontinued at the end of the 16th head, the game resulting in an easy win for Captain Graham's rink by 15 points.

Hayes, E. P. Kirby, D. M'Donald, and J. Graham (captain), 23.

J. Clark, E. G. Watkins, Dr. Barkas, and Watkin Wynne (captain), 8.

LACROSSE.

THE GLEBE CLUB.

The annual meeting of the above club was held on Wednesday, March 29, at Mr. F. Clark's rooms, George-street. Mr. G. M. Noake occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The secretary's annual report showed a most successful season, the club winning the premiership for 1898. This win being the second, entitled the club to the final possession of the Lassetter Cup. During the year a launch picnic had been held, at which presentations were made to the captain and secretary. The following are to be asked to accept office:—Patron, Mr. P. C. Lucas, Mayor, Glebe; president, Mr. H. J. Boswell; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Coombes, S. H. Fairland, Dr. Ashwell, D. Morison, F. Clark. The following were elected:—Captain, Mr. G. M. Noake (eleventh year); secretary, Mr. William Morison (eighth year); treasurer, Mr. R. J. Morison; vice-captain, Mr. W. W. King; delegates N.S.W.L.A., Messrs. P. L. Boswell, W. G. Loutit, and W. Morison; selection committee, Mr. G. M. Noake, W. W. King, P. L. Boswell, and two members to be elected by the B team; general committee, the officers and Messrs. Richards and Grace. Owing to the number of applications for membership it was decided to play two teams, A and B, and Mr. W. Morison was empowered to undertake the formation of the second team. Twelve new members were elected.

SAILING.

SYDNEY SAILING CLUB.

A meeting of this club was held on Tuesday evening, Mr. W. A. Notting occupying the chair. The prizes won in last Saturday's races were presented to the representatives of the successful craft—Effie and Plover in class A, Ena, Willis, and Foston in class B, and Tempe, Atalanta, and Juno in class C. The report of the managing committee showed that since the club's inauguration six races had been sailed for prizes valued in cash and trophies at £54, and that 73 entries had been received.

SWIMMING.

LEICHHARDT SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Yesterday afternoon there was a numerous gathering in the large room of the Leichhardt Superior Public School, Norton-street, on the occasion of the presentation of prizes in connection with the Boys' Swimming Club of this school. Mr. J. S. Hawthorne, M.L.A. (chairman of the Leichhardt School Board), presided at the invitation of the members of the club. He referred to the remarkable progress that had been made during the past few years amongst the Public schools of the colony in the art of swimming. This was very noticeable in the district of Leichhardt, where there were several Public schools in the district, and the marked ability shown by the pupils of either sex was a subject for much congratulation. He (Mr. Hawthorne) was pleased to notice that the press of the metropolis had taken the matter up in an enthusiastic manner, and only that day the "Herald" had an article on the advocacy of teaching the art of swimming in their schools and of the encouragement to be given to the pupils. Mr. Hawthorne also eulogised the teachers for the care and attention they had shown in the tuition of the scholars, who should ever have a grateful remembrance of their teachers' efforts in this direction. It was also remarkable that, notwithstanding the number of children that had attended swimming instruction, not one accident had occurred, which he thought was most creditable.

Prizes were then presented to Masters C. Broomfield, Souter, Bryant, Kerrins, who were the principal prize-takers, and to several others. At the conclusion of the distribution of the prizes, Mr. Connelly (principal of the school) and Mr. Squess (first assistant) also delivered short addresses, and proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hawthorne. Cheers were given for the chairman, Mr. Connelly, and other teachers, also for Mrs. Connelly; and a very interesting gathering was brought to a termination.

NORTH SYDNEY SWIMMING CLUB.

At Warbrick's Baths, Lavender Bay, on Tuesday evening, the above club brought off a handicap, distance 64 yards. The following are the results:—

Sixty-four Yards Handicap.—First heat: R. Martin, 8 seconds, 1; J. Henderson, 10 seconds, 2; A. Jerrems, 1 seconds, 3. Time, 52 seconds. Second heat: W. Baird, 4 seconds, 1; H. Curtin, 5 seconds, 2; B. Webb, 3 seconds, 3. Time, 48 seconds. Third heat: H. Mulhall, 12 seconds, 1; A. Turner, 15 seconds, 2; M. Gorlan, scratch, 3. Time, 48 seconds. Final: H. Mulhall, 12 seconds, 1; W. Baird, 4 seconds, 2; R. Martin, 8 seconds, 3. This was an excellent race and productive of a very close finish. Time, 50 seconds.

FEDERATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As the attitude of Queensland is apparently of paramount interest at present to the anti-federalists, the following extract may prove of service:—

The "Brisbane Courier" of March 16, in an article commenting on the prospects of federation after the first batch of elections, thus delivers itself:—"At first it cannot be too strongly emphasised that every decision must turn upon the endorsement or rejection of the Commonwealth Bill as it stands to-day. There is no chance of amendment. Either the draft constitution in its entirety will be accepted by the colonies or federation will be deferred for years. It must be one thing or the other. Those who talk of delay, of adding to this clause or modifying that, are simply wasting time. The issue is between federalists and anti-federalists; but the latter have to show that Queensland cannot accept the bill, not that the bill a little altered would be fairer."

The above is the dictum of the leading newspaper in the northern colony, and, as I have already pointed out in previous letters, the bill as it now stands, i.e., as amended at the Premiers' Conference, and not as mutilated by the Legislative Council, is the sole and only possible basis on which the support of Queensland can be obtained. There is no mincing matters in the position as defined by the federalist and semi-official organ of the Government of Queensland, and it shows the basis upon which the Ministry will place the question before the new Parliament. For occult reasons the politicians of the North have hitherto dallied with the subject, but have of late arrived at the conclusion that, if the colony is to federate, it must be "now" or "never." They have held back long enough to see that any further delay is useless, and are willing to refer the bill as it stands to the electors for their decision. They can plainly understand that if any vital changes are made, or any side issues such as promulgated by the anti-bill party are allowed to trail across the path, it will entangle matters so much that federation may be deemed as shelved for another generation. They know that Victoria and South Australia have declined to proceed any further in attempting to placate New South Wales, and will throw up the sponge if this bill is not accepted. Every leading politician and statesman of the southern colonies has declared that if this bill goes to the wall they will wash their hands of the whole affair. In the present juncture, where would the anti-federalists hope to obtain leaders of public opinion in the south to father their scheme of federation? Echo answers, Where?

Surely these facts should make those anti-bill enthusiasts pause before stumping the country to defeat a measure which to all intents and purposes is the matured outcome of 10 years' negotiations between the different colonies to consummate an entente cordiale, which will develop Australia into a mighty nation and controller of an empire in the southern seas, which is destined to rival that of the other great branch of the Anglo-Saxon race—America—in the West. When the question is reviewed from a commercial standpoint, whether it would pay Queensland to enter into the federation, the "Courier" conclusively shows that in the event of Queensland isolating herself from the other colonies she will be in a far worse position as regards one of the main factors of her wealth—the sugar industry—than if she decided to join, and declares "that Queensland's position outside of the federation is thus found to be untenable in regard to the sugar industry alone."

The close of a trenchant article is devoted to a pertinent question. "Can we afford to stand out if the other colonies federate?" and a reply, "Allow everything that can be said against the Commonwealth Bill, and the question must still be answered with a very decided negative. Those who argue to the contrary are either unable to grasp the facts of the case or are opposed to union because, though convinced against their will, they are like of some people with stiff necks, and must always be of one opinion."

To the anti-federalists I commend the consideration of the above remarks as being an exposition of the views of the Queensland people on their action in reference to the bill. I am, &c.,

J. G. BYRNES.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

To-day brings to a close what has practically been a holiday week in the Stock and Share market so far as business in investment stock is concerned. Except in the case of one or two companies affected by conditions incidental to them, prices have been steady; nothing in the general state of the money market or otherwise having affected the tone of the market within the past few days. There is little in the demand of the moment to tempt the offer of any considerable amount of stock, and in consequence business is about as dull as it well can be. All Government securities to-day were quoted the same as yesterday, no transactions coming under notice. Banks were all as before, except Australasia, which were quoted ex div. Australian Joint Stock Bank B deposits receded 3d. Steam stocks were steady. In insurance, Mercantile Mutual were offered at the reduced price of 12s 6d. Gaslight remained as yesterday, Australian Gas at 17½ being the only business noticed. Breweries also were steady. Silverton Tram advanced 1s 6d. Fresh Food and Ice were again quitted at 22s, and a sale of the recently-issued Mort's Dock preferential shares was effected at par; other changes in the miscellaneous list being but slight and unimportant.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported.—Early sales: Fresh Food and Ice Company, 22s; A.J.S. Bank "B" deposits, 13s 10½d. At 1 o'clock: Fresh Food and Ice Company, 22s. Later: Mort's Dock preference, 20s; Australian Gaslight, 17½. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investors.
	£	£	£	P.C.				P.C.
N.S.W. F. Stock, 1892	2,549,350	...	—	4	110	107½	109	3½
Do. Acc., 1878	550,189	...	—	4	126	...	...	3
Do., due 1912	2,473,871	...	—	3	100¼	99½	...	3
Do., due 1924	198,085	...	—	3	99	99¼	...	3
Do., due 1925	222,250	...	—	3	100	99¼	...	3
Do., Deb., 1902	399,300	...	—	5	105½	104	...	3½
N.Z. D., 1913	300,000	...	—	4	106	105	...	3½
Island D., 1913	...	...	—	4	107	105	...	3½
Colonial Sugar —D., 1914	—	...	—	5	111½	111	...	4
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,167,207	10	7½	...	1/3	...	...	...
Aust'asia, x d	1,600,000	40	40	8	...	64¼	...	4¼
City	240,000	10	8	4	8/-	...	8/-	4
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	75/	70/	76/	4¼
Com. of A. pref	2,117,070	10	10	2	...	5	5¼	...
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	27½	28¼	24	4¼
N.S. Wales	1,950,000	20	20	9	37½	37	37½	4¾
Royal of Q.	386,650	6	5¾	5¼	50/	...	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	26	25¼	...	4¾
DEPOSITS. A.J.S. Bank: Class A	—	...	—	3	14/9	14/9	15/	4
Class B	—	...	—	3	13 10½	13/9	14/	4¼
Ditto Insc.	—	...	—	3½	11/4½	11/-	11/6	6¼
Com. of Aus. A scr., 1898	—	...	—	3	18/	18/6	—	3¾
Ditto assets	—	...	—	3	16/	15/6	—	4
E.S.A. series	—	...	—	...	15/2	14/3	—	4
Ditto Ter.	480,148	...	—	4	18/9	18/6	—	4
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	—	4	16/4½	16/3	17/3	4¼
Insc., pref.	903,444	...	—	3	11/7½	11/6	12/6	4¼
Ditto, def.	900,010	...	—	3	13/	...	13/	4¼
Nat. of Aust.	...	...	—	4½	...	20/	...	...
Q'sland Nat.	...	...	—	3¾	13/	12/6	13/	5½
STEAM. Illawarra	58,098	5	3¾	8½	6	5¾	6¼	5
N. & H. R.	100,000	1	1	6	17/9	17/9	18/3	6¾
Nth. Coast	121,743	5	17/6	8	19/9	19/6	20/	6¾
N.S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	54/	53/	54/6	7¼
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25	10	37/	36/6	37/6	6¾
Ditto Co-op. Deb. Shs.	9,368	...	1	5	...	16/	...	...
INSURANCE. A.M. Fire	25,000	1	5/	22½	27/	26/6	...	...
Mer. Mut.	26,250	1	3/6	16½	12/6	...	12/6	4½
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	11½	...	...	65	...
United	62,500	10	2	12½	84/	84/	85/	7¼
Ditto, New	3,725	10	12/6	12½	19/	19/	21/	8
GAS. Albury	7,500	1	12/6	9	18/	17/9	...	...
A'stralian	681,796	6	6	10	17¼	17¼	17½	5¾
C. Towers	20,000	10	10	10	...	...	...	...
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	44/6	44/	...	6¾
Grafton	10,000	1	1	8	23/9	23/6	24/	6¾
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	28/	26/	28/	5¾
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	12/9	12/6	13/9	5¾
Mudgee	5,000	1	1	5	15/6	14/6	16/	6¾
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	15	5¾	5¼	...	5¼
Ditto	...	2	5/	15	...	13/	...	...
North Shore	80,000	1	1	6	27/6	27/	...	4¼
Ditto, New	10,000	1	10/	6	14/	13/	...	4¼
BREWERIES. Albury	10,500	1	10/	5	...	6/	7/6	7¼
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	96,000	1	1	7	7/	6/	7/6	6¼
C'tim. & Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	14/9	14/9	15/6	5¾
Marshall's	29,701	10/	5	5/	...	5/	5/3	6
Perkins'	58,333	15/	15/	13½	24/3	26/	31/	6
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	27/6	27/3	27/6	5¼
MISCEL'EOUS. Aerated	17,500	15/	10/	...	...	...	...	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	8	26/	...	26/6	...
B.H.W. Sup.	180,500	1	1	19½	22/	21/	21/9	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	32/6	33	35/	4½
Ditto	17,500	1	5/	8	6/6	6/6	...	...
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	36½	36½	37	5¼
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	101	5	5 2/	8
Em. S. Rl'wy	100,000	1	1	6	...	6/3	6/3	...
Em Gravel	34,000	1	1	3½	...	...	...	...
F. Fd. Ice	161,015	1	18/	8	22/	21/9	22/3	6¼
Harrison, Jones, D'lo	50,000	1	1	8	...	...	...	...
Ditto	50,000	1	10/	8	11/	...	...	7¼
Malting Co.	3,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto	6,750	1	5/	...	4/2	...	...	...
Melb. Trams	480,000	1	1	10	5	...	12/6	...
Mort's Dock	73,833	1	1	10	29/	28/6	29/3	7
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/8	5	2/4	2/2	2/3	...
Pr. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	7	8/4½	8/3	...	4¼
Mort's Dock pref.	150,000	1	1	6	...	...	...	...
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	3	9/3	9/3	...	...
Shale & Oil	75,000	1	15/	2½	3/-	...	3/1	...
Silv. Tram	197,800	1	1	40	86/6	88/	88/6	9½
Sydl. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7	...	14	...	5
S.H'raulic	75,000	1	10/	10	25/	25/	25/6	4
Lawn & Bn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baymark's D.	...	...	13/	3	...	...	...	5
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	12/	...	...
Indust. Prov.	80,000	20	20	6	20	...	...	6
Intercolonial	32,799	1	15/	7	10/	10/	...	10¼
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/6	6/6	...	...
Aus. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	8/	11	...
L. & Sub. D.	...	...	...	...	...	7/	9/	...
Sy. Fre. Land	...	...	...	...	...	7/	8/	...
N'castle Build	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Where dividends are interim, the yield is based on year's distributions; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

After its midday selling to-day the Sydney Stock Exchange adjourned until Wednesday, April 5. The banks, insurance companies, and import establishments generally will close until Tuesday, as well as the Merchants' Exchange.

The quarter's public revenue, amounting to £2,258,529, falls short by £39,546 for the like period of 1898; but this is wholly accounted for by decreases in stamp duties and land and income taxes, amounting in the aggregate to £115,000. The figures from the branches, indicating the real productive returns of the country, must, when available, show considerable increases. The revenue for the nine months, aggregating £6,935,510, presents an increase of £225,116.

Notwithstanding the dry weather conditions, the public revenue continues to compare favourably with the amount received at the corresponding period of last year. For March the customs collections in Sydney, amounting to £120,550, exceed by £9999 the total for March, 1897, the increase for the three months having been £26,799. Since the beginning of the fiscal year the receipts have compared as follows:—

Months.	1897.	1898.	Increase or Decrease.
July	£138,511	£141,630	Inc. £3,119
August	116,027	123,404	Inc. 7,377
September	114,053	108,920	Dec. 5,133
October	108,364	107,832	Dec. 532
November	118,303	134,314	Inc. 16,011
December	120,135	121,915	Inc. 1,780
	1898.	1899.	
January	105,997	116,112	Inc. 10,115
February	95,896	102,581	Inc. 6,685
March	110,551	120,550	Inc. 9,999
Total 9 m'ths	£1,027,837	£1,057,258	Inc. £31,421

There was an increase of 5 per cent. for nine months which, allowing for special collections in November and deductions on account of remissions, indicates a much more satisfactory state of affairs than might be supposed to exist under the specially trying state of affairs in some of the country districts.

The Sydney Mint returns for the first quarter of the year show the weight of gold received for coinage in comparison with that for the corresponding period of 1898:—

	1898. oz.	1899. oz.
From New South Wales	45,090	64,823
Total	170,616	220,379

So far the amount of gold received at the Mint this year has exceeded by nearly 50,000oz. the total received in the first quarter of 1898.

The following is a return of gold and silver shipped from Sydney for the first quarter of the year:—

—	Gold. Coined.	Gold. Uncoined.	Silver.
January	£471,800	£29,450	£4,608
February	232,583	4,749	14,711
March	306,518	49,265	73,207
Total	£1,010,401	£83,464	£92,527
Total, 1898	1,228,153	128,131	16,856

The shipments of gold aggregate £1,113,865, against £1,356,284 in the first three months of 1898. From Melbourne the shipments have been £1,587,283, against £1,377,872; from Adelaide £105,000, against £118,500; and from Albany £619,509, against £296,241, making a total of £3,425,657, as compared with £3,099,239 in the first quarter of 1898.

The steamer Australian sailed to-day for Hongkong, taking gold valued at £10,632, shipped by Chinese.

A year or two back the eastern colonies received more or less advantage through the absorption of their surplus population by, and increase of, trade with Western Australia. The financial position in Western Australia is not now, however, all that can be desired, and is exciting some little uneasiness in Melbourne. It is said there that sundry bills, domiciled with certain banks, have been refused acceptance, not, of course, for the banks' own credit, which is irreproachable, but because they have not cared to increase the indebtedness of their customers. The leading mercantile houses in Melbourne, it is stated, however, have been acquainted with this condition of affairs for a long time past, and have taken the necessary precautions.

After the Easter week the fire underwriters of the eastern colonies of Australia propose to confer in Sydney with a view to bringing their business relations into closer correspondence. Probably an intercolonial council will be formed with that object.

The following is a return of the principal articles of export for the period from January 1 to March 31, 1899:—

Month.	Wool.	Skins.	Hides.	Tal'w.	Tin.	Copper.	L'thr.
	Bales.	Pkgs.	No.	Cks.	Ingts.	Ingts.	Pkgs.
Jan.	92,860	1,470	22,868	3,284	5,072	37,699	1,167
Feb.	25,167	1,113	14,192	3,282	3,091	39,772	975
March	30,302	1,311	21,283	4,474	4,911	50,787	1,552
Total	148,329	3,894	58,333	11,040	13,073	128,258	3,694
1898	164,681	2,720	44,149	10,264	8,936	115,844	2,571

—	Meats.	Frozen Meats. Mutton.	Frozen Meats. Beef.	Horns.	Butter.	Shale.
	Cases.	Carcases	Pcs.	No.	Boxes.	Tons
January	15,153	71,148	8,748	128,499	11,909	40
February	7,473	49,874	4,691	39,560	6,592	3,978
March	18,128	73,357	1,524	106,200	3,511	2,210
Total	40,754	194,374	9,998	274,259	22,012	6,226
1898	25,886	181,919	870	94,024	37,298	2,824

Copra, 1914 tons against 1994 tons in 1898; hoofs and bones, 183 tons against 156 tons in 1898.

Except in the cases of wool and butter the figures show an increase. The dry weather, which has caused reductions in the exceptional articles, has stimulated the export of other produce of slaughtered stock.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat was dull but firm and unchanged at 2s 8d to 2s 9d for f.a.q., and 2s 10d for prime. Flour moved off at £6 10s to £7.

The following is a summary of the exports of grain from Victoria from the beginning of the year:—

Victorian Produce—	Wheat, Bags.	Flour, Bags.
English Channel, for orders	442,893	—
Mediterranean	77,587	—
U.K. direct, per steamers	68,346	2,045
Ditto ditto, per sailers	124,391	1,129
Continent direct, per steamers	100,511	50
South Africa	5,575	2,400
St. Helena	50	100
Hongkong	—	850
Singapore	—	800
Samarang	—	100
Total extracolonial shipments	819,353	7,465

Regarding the American wheat crops the "Mark Lane express" says:—The American wheat crop of 1898 is now the subject of a complete and definite report. The delay in this complete review is very serious, yet as our own returns from 2,000,000 acres do not admit of complete review of the Board of Agriculture before early in December, we can scarcely complain if the bureau at Washington, which has 44,000,000 acres to deal with, is unable to issue its final blue-book before the first week of February. The following are the official figures as cabled:—

	Area. Acres.	Crop yield. Bushels.	Bushels per acre.
1898	44,055,000	675,148,000	15·3
1897	39,465,000	530,149,000	13·4
1896	34,618,000	427,684,000	12·4
1895	34,047,000	467,103,000	13·7
1894	34,882,000	460,267,000	13·2
1893	34,629,000	396,132,000	11·4
1892	38,554,000	515,949,000	13·4
1891	39,916,000	611,780,000	15·3

The gravity of these figures in their bearing upon the English wheat market admits of no question, and the effect has already been felt in the whole of the helpful influence of the change to frost being completely neutralised. The markets are worse to-day than they were at the end of January. Wheat for March delivery has declined 2d, and for summer delivery 1d per cental, changes not great in themselves, but extremely discouraging at a time when the exchanger, after a couple of months of winter demand, should, if ever, be on the up-grade. The London wheat average, indeed, shows 5d advance upon the week, but this is due to the frosty and dry weather improving the milling condition of deliveries.

IMPORT MARKET.

Business was quite at a standstill to-day, and no appreciable change in prices can be reported.

The declared value of shipments of merchandise from the United Kingdom to Australasian ports, according to Messrs. Stables, Straker, and Co.'s circular, compare as follow:—

	4 weeks ended February 22.	Previous 4 weeks.	Same period last year.
Sydney	£522,000	£434,000	£611,000
Melbourne	371,000	452,000	397,000
Queensland	274,000	115,000	135,000
Adelaide	109,000	133,000	147,000
West Australia	103,000	122,000	131,000
Tasmania	45,000	38,000	40,000
New Zealand	348,000	278,000	279,000
Total	£1,822,000	£1,662,000	£1,779,000

The clearances to the Australian colonies were 26 in number, their combined net registered tonnage amounting to 59,338 tons, against 56,628 tons last month.

Writing on the London sugar market, Mr. C. Czarnikow, in his last circular just to hand says:—"With visible supplies in Europe already about 70,000 tons less than last year, we may expect final stocks end September decidedly below last year's figure of 523,000 tons in Europe alone. Cable advices from Cuba report that heavy rains have interfered with grinding, and have had the effect of reducing the yield, already poor. The weekly receipts are 15,000 against 21,850 tons, total 61,500 against 123,500 tons. The total quantity for export is now estimated at a maximum of 280,000 tons; some authorities even place the total crop at this figure only. From other cane-producing countries there is no special news; the situation in the Philippines remaining unsatisfactory, and interfering with harvesting."

Dried Fruits.—Locally all dried fruits, except sultanas and dates, have been weak for some time. The position of the London market gives a very good idea of the factors operating in this direction. Messrs. De Lissa, Sons, and Co., writing on February 20, say:—

Currants.—Although a very good trade has been done both for home and export during the past month, yet the financial position in Patras is so weak that holders have been compelled to force sales to find the funds necessary for cultivation purposes for the coming crop, and prices must be quoted 1s 6d lower, although as we write the tone has been rather better, and a recovery of 3d to 6d has to be noted. Present price, 12s 6d and 13s ex warehouse, to arrive 11s 6d.

Elemes.—The poor demand for Australia has disappointed holders to such an extent in Smyrna that there is quite a slump in this article, and prices may be quoted 4s and 5s down. Good fruit can be landed c.i.f. colony at about 28s 6d.

Sultanas are a little easier in sympathy with elemes, but the position of this article, with the steady demand, and extremely short stock both in Smyrna and here, should prevent anything like a collapse in this line.

Dates.—The position is so strong with the extremely short supply, and so popular is the fruit, that demand is very great. With the absence of figs prices are steadily advancing. In a couple of months the stock will be exhausted altogether. The feature this year has been the remarkable condition and good colour of the Syre fruit which is being freely shipped.

The "Iron and Coal Trades' Review" writes as follows respecting manufactured iron and steel on February 15:—"The upward tendency of prices has received further exemplification this week both in Middlesborough, where steel sheets and angles have risen 2s 6d per ton, and elsewhere. The number of orders is as large as ever, and business in all branches of the finished iron trade is voluminous. An equally heavy demand exists for steel, and the inquiries from abroad are numerous, while some substantial contracts are notified for competition for the supply of railway material to foreign and colonial customers. Numerous extensions of plant and machinery are in progress. New steel works are projected in South Wales—at Aberavon and Llanelly; and Messrs. Armstrong and Co. are removing their foundry department from Elswick to Scotswood. Large new steel works are to be established at Motherwell. Among minor extensions to be noted are those of the Dorrator Ironworks Company at Falkirk." The following are the latest quotations in the North of England:—Steel ship plates, £7 2s 6d; boiler plates, £8 2s 6d; ship angles, £6 15s, all less 2½ per cent. f.o.t.; steel rails, £4 15s net at works; iron ship angles, £6 7s 6d; ship plates, £6 15s; common iron bars, £6 7s 6d; packing iron, £5 10s, less 2½ per cent. f.o.t.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £4062. The principal items were:—Spirits, £1311; wine, £64; ale, porter, and beer, £162; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1159; tea, £27; sugar and molasses, £51; opium, £26; dried and canded fruits, £33; harbour and light rates, £88; pilotage, £84; excise on beer, £263. Total, £4062.

EXPORT MARKET.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, report that they are in receipt of the following cable, dated 29th instant, from their London office:—"Frozen Meat.—Australian Mutton: Stocks light. Merino 3¼d per lb., crossbred 3¼d per lb. Lamb market firmer; prime Australian lambs are worth per carcase 4d per lb. Beef market firm; forequarters and hindquarters are worth 3d and 4¼d per lb. respectively. Tallow: Market steady; stocks light; the prospects of the market are good. Wheat and oats: The market is steady, and does not appear to be likely to fall."

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 112 bales of wool arrived; 31 bales were received coastwise.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

AMERICAN VISIBLE WHEAT SUPPLY.

LONDON, March 29.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is estimated by "Bradstreet's" to be 51,686,000 bushels.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Only the morning meeting of the Stock Exchange was held to-day. The market will remain closed for a week. Metropolitan Board of Works 5 per cent. sold at £106 5s; ditto 4½ per cent., £106 5s; ditto 4 per cent., £105; ditto 3½ per cent., £100; Colonial Bank preference, 80s; Commercial, £5 5s, £5 6s; National, ordinary, 57s, 58s; Australian Deposit Mortgage Bank preference, 10s 6d; Colonial Mutual Insurance, 4s 3d; Perkins's Brewery, Queensland, 30s 6d; Shamrock Brewery, 4s 3d; Mutual Store, 30s, Silverton Tramway, 89s; Melbourne Tram, 13s.

Wheat, 2s 6½d to 2s 7d, with rather more inquiry. Potatoes, 52s 6d to 60s; onions, 50s. Business in tea includes 350 half-chests Panyongs at 5½d; 135 quarter-chests at 5d; S. O. pekoes, 100 chests Indian and 60 chests Ceylon, 7d to 10d.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The markets were featureless to-day, business being rather slack, and prices without much quotable change. Ample supplies were under offer. Grain had a little attention at about late rates. Maize was rather dull of sale, with prices tending downwards. A fresh shipment of 3020 bags arrived by the Hawke's Bay from New York. Both bran and pollard ruled a trifle weaker. Forage lines had steady sale at late quotations. Potatoes were in good request, fair-sized parcels being bought for export to Manila. Prime samples sold at £3 5s. For onions the demand was good at firm prices, New Zealand samples being placed for export to Manila. Turnips were depressed, with the inquiry slack at £2. A fairly brisk business was done in all lines of dairy produce. Apart from a rise in eggs but little change in prices occurred.

Owing to to-morrow being Good Friday it will be observed as a close holiday by the merchants of Sussex-street.

Wholesale quotations were:—

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

Oats.—Seed, 2s to 2s 2d; prime feed, 1s 10½d to 1s 11d; medium, 1s 9d to 1s 10d per bushel.

Maize.—Prime, new, 3s; New York, 3s 3d to 3s 4d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, prime, 3s 9d to 4s; grey, 3s to 3s 3d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 2s 5d to 2s 6d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, 2s 6d to 2s 7d per bushel.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 8½d to 8¾d, and pollard 8½d to 8¾d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime green, £4 to £4 5s; medium, to £3 17s 6d; railway prime, £4 to £4 5s; medium, £3 15s; prime green, in small bales, £4 5s to £4 7s 6d per ton.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime, £3 17s 6d to £4 5s; good medium, £3 5s to £3 12s 6d; off varieties, £2 10s to £3 per ton.

Chaff.—Imported: Prime, £3 5s; medium, £2 17s 6d to £3 2s 6d. Local: Prime, £3 7s 6d to £3 15s; medium, £3 to £3 5s per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, prime £2 2s 6d to £2 7s 6d; inferior, £1 10s to £1 15s; imported, £2 5s; local bundled, up to £2 5s per ton.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian Circulars, prime, £3 5s per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful. Garden honey, 1½d to 2d per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s per lb.

Onions.—Melbourne, prime, £3 to £3 5s; New Zealand, £3 10s per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4½d to 5d; bulk, 4d to 4½d per lb.

Turnips.—Tasmanian, £2 to £2 5s per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Cheese.—Choice loaf, choice, 5s to 5½d; large, medium 4d to 4½d, choice 5d; New Zealand, large 4½d; medium, 4½d to 5d; loaf, 5½d to 5½d; Bodalla cheese, 5½d per lb., to be raised to-morrow to 6d.

Butter.—Plentiful. Creamery, 11d; factory, 10½d to 11d; pasteurised butter, 11½d per lb.

Eggs.—Market firmer. North 11d to 12d, south 12d to 13d per dozen.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, prime, 7d; second-class, 6d to 6½d; middles, 8d to 8½d; mild cured sides, 7½d; farmers' lots, 5d to 6d; Bodalla, sides 7d, flitches 6½d, middles 8d; local hams, in cloth, 9d; small weights, 9½d; New Zealand, mild cured, choice 9½d; English, 9½d to 10d; small weights, 10½d per lb.

Poultry.—Quiet inquiry. Inferior, 1s 6d to 2s; medium fowls, 2s 3d to 2s 6d; prime young sorts, 2s 9d to 3s; ducks, 2s to 2s 3d; choice, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; Muscovy ducks, 2s 9d to 3s; geese, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; turkeys, cocks 6s to 8s, small 4s to 5s, others 5s to 6s 6d, hens 3s 6d to 4s 6d per pair.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Fair supply, demand good. Firewood, good, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; rough, 6s to 7s 6d; bundles, good, 8s to 9s 6d; inferior, 7s to 8s 6d; billet, 8s to 8s 6d; inferior, 5s 6d to 6s; bakers' split, good, 9s to 9s 6d; inferior 7s 6d to 8s; large green, 6s 6d to 7s; dry, 8s 6d to 9s per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

Only a meagre supply of produce was submitted at auction this morning. Prime straw chaff sold well at 2s 6d per cwt. Oaten hay was rather dull of sale, a medium sample being placed at 3s 5d. Owing to temporary scarcity prime lucerne hay in small bales realised the high figure of 4s 7d per cwt. Straw in bundles had ready sale at 1s 9d to 2s, as did prime in derrick bales at 2s 4d per cwt. A soft sample of new maize found a buyer at 2s 10d per bushel. Watermelons were in good demand at 1s to 2s 11d. Pumpkins moved freely at 8d to 4s 10d per dozen, according to size and quality.

Owing to the Easter holidays no sales will be held at Redfern until Tuesday next.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Straw, 5 trucks; chaff, 1; lucerne, 1; hay, 3; maize, 1; pumpkins, 2; and watermelons, 6.

Among the consignees were:—Ellis and Co., H. Prescott and Co., Dent and Perry, A. M. [illegible] and Co., R. Little and Co., John W. Gray and Co., [illegible] Brothers, H. M. Sutton and Co., G. Wells and Matthews, S. B. Bond, and J. Bridge and Co.

The above supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Ellis and Co., Rayney, (truck No. 1165) 2s 6d per cwt.

Hay.—From Bayliss, Bathurst, (6550) passed; Jesson, Rooty Hill, (3467) passed; Byrne, Goulburn, (6001) 3s 5d per cwt.

Lucerne.—From S. Page, Mudgee, (519) 4s 7d per cwt.

Straw.—Bundled: From Maxwell, Camden, (4455) 2s, and rye straw 2s 8d; Phipps, Richmond, (9724) 1s 9d; Saunders, Millthorpe, (3988) passed; M'Farlane, (4426) 2s. Derrick: From Drew, Mudgee, (9635) 2s 4d per cwt.

Maize.—From Hasbert, Windsor, (6786) 2s 10d per bushel.

Watermelons.—From W. Curry, Penrith, (4107) 2s 6d; W. Wright, (2868) 1s 11d and 2s 4d; J. Saields, Richmond, (1824) 1s 7d, 1s 6d, and 2s 6d; J. Smolds, (1261) 1s 7d; Rios, 2s 6d; order, Windsor, (7792) 2s 1d; T. Waters, Richmond, (8422) 2s 11d; D. Clemson, 1s; Williams, 2s 7d per dozen.

Pumpkins.—From J. Field, Penrith, (2566) 8d; W. Wright, (2868) 1s 7d; W. Hannabus, Mulgrave, (364) 2s 6d; F. Hannabus, 4s 10d; order, Windsor, (7792) 1s 10d; J. Scott, Richmond, (1566) 3s 6d; F. Hough, 4s per dozen.

PRODUCE RETURN.

The following is a complete return of all lines of produce received by rail at the Redfern Railway Terminus Markets for the week ended Thursday, March 30, together with the figures for the corresponding period of the previous year:—Hay, 49—60 trucks; straw, 13—15 ditto; chaff, 14—9 ditto; potatoes, 9—142½ tons; bran, 0—2½ ditto; pollard, 6—14 ditto; wheat, 35—115½ ditto; pumpkins, 54½—159½ ditto; melons, 80—26 ditto; maize, 8½—12½ ditto; rye, 5¼—6 ditto; oats, 2¼—79 ditto.

FRUIT MARKETS.

A good steady business was done in the fruit trade at the various metropolitan markets this morning. Fair supplies of most varieties of seasonable fruits were under offer. The demand generally was good, at prices much the same as those ruling yesterday.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Local, rough 2s to 2s 6d, good medium 3s to 4s 6d, choice coloured 5s to 6s per gincase; Italian, 8s to 9s half-case.

Bananas.—2s 6d to 4s 6d, choice 5s per bunch; Fiji, 10s to 11s; Queensland, 8s to 9s per case.

Peaches.—Small 1s to 3s 6d, good 4s to 5s, prime 7s to 8s gincase; choice, 3s 6d to 4s half-case; slipstones, choice, 4s to 5s half-case.

Apples.—Dessert, prime, 6s to 7s; small, 2s to 3s; medium, 3s 6d to 5s; choicest, 8s; cooking sorts, 3s to 4s 6d; prime, 5s to 6s gincase; Tasmanian Alexanders, 5s to 7s 6d; Alphristones, 5s 6d to 6s; Pearmains, 7s to 8s; Collins, 5s to 5s 6d; Ribstones, 6s to 8s; Adam's Pearmains, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; Scarlet Pearmains, 7s to 8s; Crabs, 6s 6d to 7s; New Yorks, 6s to 7s 6d per case.

Tomatoes.—Choice, 3s to 3s 6d; others, 2s to 2s 6d a half-case.

Passionfruit.—Prime, 6s to 8s a gincase; prime, 4s to 5s per half-case.

Watermelons.—Local, 2s to 3s; choice, 3s 6d to 4s 6d per dozen.

Oranges.—Local, rough, 2s to 3s; good, 4s to 6s a gincase; Italian, 10s per half-case.

Grapes.—White, 2d to 2½d; choice, 3d; Black Prince, 2½d to 3d; Muscatels, black 3d to 3½d, choice 4d, white 3d to 4d; white wax, 3½d; Lady's Fingers, 4d to 5d per lb.; Adelaide Crystals, 7s 6d; Muscats, 8s to 8s 6d per case.

Quinces.—Choice, 3s 6d to 4s; others, 1s 6d to 3s a gincase.

Plums.—Tasmanian, choice 3s 6d to 4s; others, 3s a quarter-case.

Pineapples.—Common, choice, 6s; others, 5s; Queen's, 6s 6d to 7s per case.

Pears.—Choice local, 8s; good, 4s to 7s; baking varieties, 4s to 4s 6d per gincase; Tasmanian, 4s 6d to 6s 6d; Gansells and Orange Bergamots, 6s to 8s; Napoleons, 2s 6d quarter-case; Melbourne, Gansells, choice 10s to 12s; B. D. Cap, 8s to 9s; B. Bose, 6s to 7s; others, 6s to 7s per case.

Coconnuts.—6s to 7s per bag.

Persimmons.—Small samples, 3s to 4s a gincase; choice, 3s to 4s half-case.

Mandarines.—3s to 6s a half-case.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

At the Belmore Market this morning a fair supply of vegetables was under offer. All lines were in good demand, at prices much the same as those ruling on Tuesday last.

Prices were as follows:—Cabbages, 1s 6d to 5s, choice 5s 6d to 6s 6d, red 6s per dozen; peas, local 5s to 6s 6d, imported 3s 6d to 4s; French beans, 2s 3d to 2s 9d per bushel; horseradish, 8s to 9s; asparagus, 4s to 7s; beetroot, 6d; mint, 8d; all herbs, 8d; plain spinach, 6d; eschalots, 1s; leeks, 1s; white turnips, 9d to 1s 3d; parsnips, 1s 3d to 1s 4d; rhubarb, 9d to 1s 6d; celery, soup 9d to 1s, table 1s 6d to 2s; radishes, 3d to 4d; carrots, 8d to 9d per dozen bunches; lettuce, 6d to 9d; greenstuff, 4d; horse carrots, 4d per dozen bunches; sweet potatoes, 5s to 6s per cwt.; vegetable marrows, 1s to 2s; pumpkins, 8s to 9s, choice large 7s to 8s 6d; custard marrows, 1s; cucumbers, 1s to 2s per dozen; tomatoes, 2s to 3s 3d quarter-case.

FAT STOCK SALES.

THE HOMEBUSH YARDS.

About 37,273 sheep were penned, all qualities being represented, and included a fair proportion of prime, both crossbred and merino. There was a good attendance of buyers, including the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited, and other exporters, competition being brisk, and values very firm with an occasional advance on really prime lots. Sales were again very late notwithstanding that there was a larger percentage of lots of 1000 and over than usual. Lambs were in moderate supply and prices better, more so for prime. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers at 11s to 12s, extra to 14s, good at 9s to 10s, medium at 8s to 7s; prime merino wethers at 9s 6d to 10s, good at 7s 6d to 8s 6d, medium at 5s to 6s, prime crossbred ewes at 8s to 9s 6d, extra to 11s 6d, good at 7s 6d to 8s, medium at 5s to 6s 6d; prime merino ewes at 7s 6d to 8s, good at 6s to 6s 6d, medium from 4s 6d; prime lambs at 8s to 9s; good lambs at 6s 6d to 7s 6d, medium at 4s 6d.

Cattle.—1088 cattle yarded, comprising a fair proportion of good to prime cattle and a good number of cows. There was a large attendance of buyers, and as there will be no sale on Monday next sales were brisk and prices the best known for some time, all qualities selling well. Quotations:—Prime yards of bullocks, £7 to £7 10s, extra to £9 1s; good, £6 to £6 10s; medium, £4 15s to £5 5s; inferior, from £3 15s; prime yards of cows, £5 to £5 10s; good, £4 to £4 10s; inferior, from £3.

Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—10 crossbred hoggets for J. Davis at 11s 10d; 236 crossbred wethers for James Mitchell at 11s 7d to 11s 10d, 149 at 11s; 455 wethers for Western agents at 10s 8d to 10s 11d; 189 crossbred wethers for J. H. Kemp at 10s 5d; 600 wethers for T. Gordon at 10s; 1256 wethers for A. A. Company at 9s 7d to 10s; 21 crossbred ewes for C. Bates at 10s, 7 crossbred wethers at 10s, 1 wether at 10s 7d at 6s 3d; 81 crossbred wethers and ewes for J. Mead at 11s 10d, 79 at 10s 6d, 2 crossbred ewes at 12s, 2 crossbred rams at 11s 3d, 2 rams at 7s, 1 crossbred wether (cripple) at 4s, 37 crossbrede averaging 11s 2d; 2 crossbred rams for Western agents at 12s 3d, 2 crossbred ewes at 14s, 9 at 9s, 144 wethers at 7s 11d to 8s 3d, 42 ewes at 8s 11d; 355 ewes for Southern agents at 8s to 8s 4d, 765 ewes at 7s 7d to 7s 11d; 400 wethers for S. E. Roberts at 7s 6d to 7s 11d; 1 wether for Western agents at 11s, 409 ewes at 7s 6d, 408 at 7s 1d; 140 wethers for P. J. O'Donnell at 7s 5d, 961 ewes at 8s 1d to 8s 7d; 229 crossbred wethers for P. H. Osborne at 7s 10d, 372 wethers at 6s 9d; 90 crossbred ewes for R. Speck at 8s 10d, 28 wethers at 7s 8d, 156 ewes at 5s; 17 wethers for W. J. M'Phillamy at 8s 7d, 68 ewes at 6s 4d; 39 crossbred wethers for C. W. Phillips at 8s 7d, 127 ewes at 5s; 233 wethers for J. E. Ridley at 8s 6d to 8s 10d, 85 at 6s 7d; 99 wethers for Southern agents at 8s 11d, 118 ewes at 7s 6d; 82 rams for North Condobolin Station at 6s 6d; 31 crossbred wethers and ewes for T. Hamer at 8s 9d, 79 ewes at 5s 6d; 405 wethers for Dalhunty and Co. at 8s 3d to 8s 9d; 1 crossbred ewe for J. W. Hilles at 10s 6d, 31 at 9s 2d, 48 crossbred wethers and ewes at 7s 2d, 114 wethers at 7s, 14 ewes at 7s; 42 crossbred wethers and ewes for E. C. Barbour at 9s, 172 wethers at 6s 8d, 109 ewes at 5s 6d; 122 wethers for G. Bassingthwaighte and Sons at 7s 10d, 65 ewes at 6s 9d; 206 ewes for J. C. Gunnell at 7s 4d; 7 crossbred ewes for N. Powell at 7s 9d; 103 wethers and ewes for J. Ryan at 6s 4d; 219 wethers for G. Curry at 6s 8d; 394 wethers for S. Ward at 6s 3d, 16 ewes at 4s 3d; 42 ewes for J. Johnson at 4s 9d; 45 lambs for J. Davis at 10s, 46 at 8s 8d; 1 lamb for Western agents at 7s 6d, 9 crossbred lambs at 8s; 1 crossbred lamb for J. Mead at 9s; 2 lambs for R. Speck at 7s, 2 at 6s; 19 lambs for W. J. M'Phillamy at 7s 1d; 33 lambs for C. W. Phillips at 6s 10d, 25 at 6s 2d; 44 lambs for N. Powell at 6s 2d; 10 lambs for J. Johnson at 6s 11d; 19 lambs for G. Bassingthwaighte and Sons at 7s 9d, 1 at 5s; 7 lambs for E. C. Barbour at 5s 8d; 8 lambs for J. W. Hilles at 5s 3d; 29 bullocks for J. H. Davies to £8 10s, averaging £7 10s 8d; 80 bullocks for A. A. Company to £7 12s, averaging £6 14s 1d; 9 bullocks for J. Dawson, sen., to £8 7s, averaging £6 11s 11d; 39 bullocks for W. J. Marsh to £7 3s, averaging £6 10s; 28 bullocks for Wallaflow Estate to £6 7s, averaging £6 3s 8d, 2 cows to £6 10s, averaging £5 15s; 11 bullocks at £5 3s; 12 cows for T. Cook and Co. to £6 3s, averaging £4 17s; 24 bullocks for Southern agents to £4 15s, averaging £4 10s, 2 cows at £4 10s; 12 bullocks for W. Webb at £4 5s; 53 cows and heifers for N. Powell to £4 6s, averaging £3 15s 6d.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers.—1 Southdown ewe for Mrs. R. Glasson at 16s, 40 crossbred wethers at 14s 2d, 31 at 12s 5d, 1 Southdown ram at 11s 3d, 14 crossbred wethers at 9s 3d, 3 ewes at 9s 3d, 45 at 8s 8d, 7 merino ewes at 7s; 184 merino wethers for J. Frape at 9s 6d; 151 crossbred wethers for Southern agents at 10s 11d, 64 (seconds) at 9s 10d, 236 crossbred ewes at 9s 1d, 69 (seconds) at 8s 2d; 8 crossbred wethers for Southern agents at 13s 6d, 52 merino wethers at 8s 7d, 44 ewes at 7s 8d; 75 crossbred wethers for A. Bazley at 11s 6d, 3 ewes at 9s 6d, 12 at 8s 3d; 23 wethers for J. A. Fowler at 8s 8d, 228 ewes at 7s 9d to 7s 3d, 58 at 6s; 91 wethers for M'Groder at 8s 6d, 17 (seconds) at 6s 8d; 69 crossbred ewes for G. Thompson at 8s 9d, 31 ewes (seconds) at 7s 7d; 88 wethers for T. Gordon at 8s 4d, 19 at 4s 4d, 16 ewes at 6s 4d; 9 wethers for J. W. Head at 7s 8d, 27 ewes at 6s 1d, 41 at 6s 10d, 24 wethers for J. Johnstone at 6s, 81 ewes at 5s 6d, 18 crossbred ewes for Croke and Kinder at 7s 6d, 2 crossbred wethers at 7s 6d, 2 rams at 7s 6d, 139 wethers at 5s 8d, 28 at 5s 6d, 43 ewes at 5s 6d; 21 wethers for R. Yates at 6s 4d, 75 ewes at 4s 6d; 102 wethers for S. Williams at 6s 9d, 46 at 5s 4d, 16 ewes at 6s 9d; crossbred ewes for R. and A. Sisler at 8s 11d, 1 ewe (2 years' wool) at 9s, 25 wethers at 8s 3d, 19 ewes at 5s; 227 wethers for Buchanan and Roberts at 7s 8d; 74 lambs for J. W. Head at 8s, 62 at 6s 1d; 11 hoggets for Mrs. R. Glasson at 8s 4d, 5 at 6s 6d, 45 lambs at 6s 8d; 24 lambs for T. Gordon at 7s 7d, 26 at 6s, 55 at 5s 6d, 10 at 4s 9d; 6 lambs for J. Johnstone at 5s 7d, 3 hoggets at 5s 4d; 27 lambs for Croke and Kinder at 8s, 46 at 6s; 18 lambs for Southern agents at 7s 11d, 19 at 6s 3d; 4 lambs for R. Yates at 4s 7d; 56 lambs for S. Williams at 7s 9d to 7s 11d, 10 at 6s 1d; 7 lambs for H. and A. Sisler at 7s 6d, 1 at 7s 2d, 45 at 6s to 6s 4d, 6 at 5s 6d; 14 bullocks for R. Glasson up to £6 9s, averaging £6 2s 10d, 10 cows up to £4 9s, averaging £4 6s 9d.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co.—1 bullock for D. Leahy at £9 15s, 18 to £8 12s, averaging £8 9s, 31 to £7 19s, averaging £7 11s, 30 bullocks for C. Davis, sen., to £7 14s, averaging £6 16s 4d; 45 bullocks for J. D. Turnbull to £7 2s, averaging £6 13s 1d, 3 cows to £7 8s, averaging £5 8s 8d; 2 bullocks for Dangar and M'Donald Brothers at £8 12s, 6 at £5 14s, 3 cows at £5 3s; 50 bullocks for Baerami Estate to £6 7s, averaging £5 15s; 11 cows for A. Turnbull to £5 11s, averaging £5 6s 1d; 24 bullocks for R. M. Shelley to £5 8s, averaging £5 8s 6d; 2 steers for estate R. Hill at £5 16s, 6 at £4 19s, 16 cows to £4 15s, averaging £4 7s 6d; 12 cows for R. D. Wallace at £3 18s; 4 steers for G. Merriman at £3 13s, 8 heifers at £2 19s; 3 cows for T. Walkom at £3 18s, 1 heifer at £3 5s, 2 steers at £2 11s, 15 calves to £1 4s, averaging 18s 9d; 4 cows (local) at £1 15s; 207 wethers for B. Crowe at 7s 2d; 165 ewes for J. Crowe at 5s 6d; 200 ewes for James Pratley at 7s 2d; 56 ewes for R. M'Grath at 5s 7d, 29 wethers at 5s 6d; 221 ewes and wethers for J. J. C. Shepheard at 4s 4d; 315 ewes for H. Scott at 4s 10d to 5s 1d; 39 crossbred hoggets for J. E. Wright at 10s, 58 at 9s; 10 lambs for Brazier Brothers at 7s 9d, 22 at 9s 4d, 26 at 8s 7d to 8s 10d; 36 crossbred lambs for J. J. Sullivan at 7s 8d to 7s 9d, 26 lambs at 7s 3d, 31 lambs and hoggets at 6s 10d; 7 crossbred lambs for R. M'Grath at 7s 9d, 20 hoggets at 6s 6d; 6 lambs for Glasson and Glasson at 10s, 13 hoggets at 6s 7d; 25 crossbred wethers for J. E. Wright at 13s 6d, 3 merino wethers at 12s, 142 crossbred wethers at 11s 2d, 4 crossbred ewes at 11s 1d, 350 crossbred wethers at 10s 3d to 10s 4d, 19 at 9s 4d, 93 crossbred ewes at 9s 2d, 56 ewes at 7s 6d; 34 crossbred ewes and wethers for Glasson and Glasson at 13s, 2 merino wethers at 12s 9d, 2 merino ewes at 9s 8d, 148 wethers at 7s 9d; 82 crossbred wethers for Thomas Fitzpatrick at 9s 10d, 65 at 8s 9d, 564 at 8s, 186 at 6s 9d, 192 wethers at 7s 10d; 23 comeback ewes for Glasson and Glasson at 9s 7d, 6 comeback wethers at 9s 4d, 30 wethers at 8s 1d, 23 ewes at 8s 10d; 55 wethers for Brazier Brothers at 9s 11d; 2 crossbred pets for J. J. Sullivan at 11s 6d, 4 double fleece at 8s; 21 crossbreds at 8s 4d, 72 comebacks at 8s 7d, 37 mixed sheep at 7s 4d, 67 at 6s 4d; 287 wethers for James Mettam at 8s 8d (seconds) at 7s 3d; 424 wethers for James Rutherford at 8s 9d; 151 wethers for M. M'Cormick at 8s 2d.

Wilkinson and Lavender.—95 crossbred ewes for C. and E. Miller at 11s 2d to 11s 6d; 5 merino wethers for W. a'Beckett at 9s 6d, 9 mixed crossbreds at 9s, 84 merino ewes at 7s 8d, 8 crossbred lambs at 11s 3d, 18 at 8s 7d, 7 at 9s 3d; 3 crossbred wethers for estate W. Bowen at 11s, 40 at 8s 7d, 42 merino wethers at 8s, 187 at 6s 2d; 21 mixed merinos for W. C. and M. E. a'Beckett at 8s 5d; 30 merino wethers for Western agents at 6s 8d, 165 at 6s 5d, 27 at 5s 4d.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—27 bullocks for W. J. Dunmead to £7 10s, averaging £7 6s 6d; 26 bullocks for W. Cooper to £5 14s, averaging £5 2s 7d, 1 heifer at £2 18s; 2 crossbred wethers for Western agents at 8s 6d, 5 ewes at 8s; 5 wethers for J. M'Intyre at 8s 6d, 210 wethers from 7s 4d to 7s 9d, 10 wethers (culls) at 5s 9d, 110 ewes at 4s 6d, 100 ewes at 4s, 17 lambs at 7s 8d, 31 lambs from 7s to 7s 1d, 6 lambs at 5s 1d; 103 wethers for Messrs. S. and E. Bassingwaighte at 9s 9d.

Henderson Brothers.—1 wether for William Meneer at 10s, 52 ewes at 4s, 11 lambs at 5s 4d, 15 at 4s 3d.

Warden, Harry Graves and Son.—103 merino wethers for F. Kearney at 10s 4d, 2 crossbred wethers at 10s 4d, 4 merino ewes at 8s, 681 merino wethers at 8s 6d, 283 merino wethers at 7s 10d; 92 Lincoln rams for James Ewan at 9s, 2 crossbred wethers at 8s, 1 crossbred ewe at 6s 10d, 1 merino wether at 10s, 246 merino ewes at 5s 6d, 22 at 4s 6d; 352 merino wethers for J. Fox at 8s 6d, 190 at 8s 11d; 42 merino wethers for H. F. H. Baird at 7s 5d, 7 crossbred ewes at 5s 6d, 118 merino ewes at 4s 2d, 135 merino wethers at 4s; 1 crossbred hogget at 7s, 1 crossbred lamb at 7s 6d, 1 merino lamb at 7s 6d.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry.—110 crossbred wethers for H. C. White at 12s 1d, 477 at 9s 11d to 10s 1d, 562 wethers at 8s 9d, 30 crossbred wethers for J. M'Gowan at 7s 8d, 132 at 7s 2d, 780 at 6s 2d, 101 at 5s 6d; 20 crossbred ewes for F. R. White at 8s 3d, 16 stags at 7s 7d, 164 wethers at 8s 5d to 8s 8d, 591 ewes at 6s 2d to 6s 7d, 104 black sheep at 5s 4d, 335 wethers for R. H. Jackson at 9s 11d to 10s; 2 wethers for R. H. Jackson at 8s, 41 ewes at 7s 1d; 5 wethers for Western agents at 12s 9d, 24 at 8s; 33 for S. A. Taylor at 8s 4d; 1 lamb for H. C. White at 8s, 2 at 4s 9d; 45 lambs for F. R. White at 8s 6d, 35 at 7s 5d; 74 lambs for R. H. Jackson at 7s 3d to 7s 4d, 11 at 6s 1d; 8 lambs for S. A. Taylor at 6s 10d, 10 at 7s 9d, 79 at 4s 11d; 49 bullocks for F. White to £8 10s, averaging £6 7s 11d; 1 bullock for H. E. White at £8 12s; 9 bullocks for J. F. Male to £7 18s, averaging £7 1s 4d; 25 cows for P. A. Lamb to £2 12s, averaging £2 8s 3d; 22 bullocks for R. D. Porter to £7 11s, averaging £7 5s 1d; 21 bullocks for W. R. Smith to £5 11s, averaging £5 4s; 12 steers for Southern agents at £4 17s; 3 bullocks for C. R. Dutton to £3 15s, averaging £3 13s, 7 cows to £7 6s, averaging £6 3s 3d, 1 bull for local owner at 10s, 2 calves at 8s.

Messrs. J. Leeds and Co.—178 crossbred wethers for J. Dalton at 10s 11d, 100 at 9s 11d to 10s 1d, 131 merino wethers at 9s 5d, 308 at 7s to 7s 6d; 2 crossbred wethers for S. A. Marsden at 10s 1d, 46 crossbred ewes at 9s 9d, 8 merino wethers at 9s 8d, 83 at 7s, 46 at 7s 4d, 28 merino ewes at 6s 8d; 7 crossbred wethers for J. F. Dawson at 7s 6d, 150 merino wethers at 8s, 96 crossbred wethers at 7s 6d, 205 crossbred ewes at 7s 6d; 508 merino wethers for M. M'Master at 8s 7d to 8s 9d, 56 merino ewes at 7s 10d, 1 10 ewes at 8s 4d; 10 crossbred wethers for H. Gavin at 8s 6d, 3 crossbred ewes at 6s 11d, 45 merino ewes at 4s 9d, 1 merino wether for W. Murray at 9s 6d, 2 rams at 8s 2d, 2 merino ewes at 4s; 76 merino wethers for T. Chapman at 7s 3d, 38 at 6s 6d, 20 ewes at 5s 8d; 781 merino wethers for M'Master Brothers at 7s 1d, 271 at 6s, 22 crossbred wethers for H. Clarke at 7s 1d, 14 crossbred ewes at 7s 1d; 22 merino ewes for T. P. Webb at 5s 4d, 40 wethers at 5s; 27 wethers for J. Dalton at 5s 8d, 72 at 7s 2d; 1 wethers for T. Chapman at 8s 6d, 32 at 7s 1d to 7s 1d; 7 wether for T. B. Webb at 8s 6d, 18 at 5s 1d; 1 wether for H. Clarke at 8s, 1 at 6s, 7 at 5s; 33 wethers for W. Murray at 6s; 100 wethers for H. Gavin at 6s 9d, 10 at 5s 6d to 6s 6d; 8 wethers for J. F. Dawson at 7s 4d, 6 at 6s 4d; 20 bullocks for J. F. Dawson to £8 8s, averaging £7 7s 1d; 1 steer for S. Daley at £3 5s, 4 heifers at £3 19s, 12 calves to £1 19s, averaging £1 14s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—40 bullocks for Walker Trustees to £9 1s, averaging £7 12s; 1 bullock for C. N. Dines, 21 cows, 30 bullocks for A. Vickery and Sons to £6 10s, averaging £5 9s; 12 bullocks for H. Mackenzie at £5 5s; 45 bullocks for J. S. Rands to £5 14s, averaging £5 3s 6d; 48 cows for Northern agents; 55 merino ewes for D. Phillpott at 6s 11d; 9 crossbred wethers for J. Robinson at 13s 6d, 16 at 12s 1d, 42 crossbred ewes at 11s 6d; 357 merino wethers for A. Smith at 10s 5d, 10 crossbred wethers at 10s, 19 crossbred ewes at 10s; 53 crossbred ewes for executors late C. Rouse at 10s, 126 crossbred ewes at 9s, 27 merino wethers at 9s 10d; 44 merino wethers for estate W. A. Smith at 10s; 521 merino wethers for E. Vickery and Sons at 8s 3d to 8s 5d, 477 at 7s; 409 merino wethers for Wagra Estate at 9s; 127 merino wethers for F. G. Lowe at 9s; 131 merino wethers for E. G. Bridle at 8s 5d; 320 merino wethers for J. Swithe at 7s 6d to 7s 7d, 10 rams at 7s 7d; 988 merino ewes for A. Busby at 7s 3d, 395 at 6s 3d; 50 merino wethers for T. Ryan at 7s 3d, 80 merino ewes at 6s 11d; 267 merino wethers for T. Reid at 6s 7d; 10 merino wethers for A. Hain at 7s, 10 merino ewes at 7s, 5 merino wethers at 6s, 21 merino ewes at 6s, 11 merino wethers at 5s 5d, 45 merino ewes at 5s 5d; 155 crossbred ewes for Waterloo station at 6s 11d, 83 merino ewes at 6s 6d; 105 merino ewes for A. M'Millan at 6s 7d; 470 merino wethers for R. A. Waugh and Co. at 6s 7d, 77 rams at 6s 4d; 108 merino ewes for F. and G. Strickland at 5s 10d; 101 merino wethers for W. Mackenzie at 5s 9d; 50 merino wethers for C. Jones at 5s 3d; 8 lambs for D. Phillpott at 9s 7d, 26 (suckers) at 6s 10d, 6 at 5s 8d; 24 lambs for executors G. Rouse at 9s 1d, 37 at 7s 11d to 8s; 21 lambs for estate W. H. Smith at 8s 3d, 35 at 7s 4d; 50 lambs for A. Hain at 7s 2d, 24 at 5s 6d, 32 at 4s 9d; 116 lambs for Waterloo station at 4s 9d; 48 lambs for T. Ryan at 7s 9d.

THE CITY YARDS.

Fat Calves.—The number of calves forward this week, viz., 386, was greatly in excess of requirements. All qualities were represented, but medium and plain sorts predominated. The attendance of buyers was hardly as large as usual, and as many of them had some on hand, competition was exceedingly dull, and values ruled lower than at any previous period of this year; and during the late sales it was extremely difficult to elicit a bid. Prime quality yearlings sold fairly well, attributable doubtless to the briskness of the cattle market. Quotations: Prime and heavy yearlings, 4ls to 55s; extra to 65s; good and heavy, 35s 6d to 40s; prime young vealers, 25s to 30s; good, 13s 6d to 20s; medium, 12s 6d to 16s; others from 8s.

Fat Pigs.—Notwithstanding the pig market was very heavily supplied this week—[illegible] being yarded—prices generally were in favour of sellers. Baconers, prime sorts, are getting scarce, and as the demand is keen, exceptionally good rates are ruling; prime 115lb. to 80lb. sorts especially sold well. All descriptions of porkers sold well. All the values fluctuated slightly. Prospects for good sorts are decidedly encouraging, and senders cannot do wrong in taking advantage of present ruling rates. Quotations: Big, heavy backfat pigs, 45s to 60s; prime and heavy baconers, 47s to 55s; good, 40s to 45s; medium, 33s to 38s; light, from 30s; prime and heavy porkers, to 28s; good, 20s to 25s; others, from 16s. Stores: Good sorts selling well; others easier. Best, 15s to 19s; good, 10s 6d to 13s; others, from 7s. We sold about 150 at above rates.

Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, sold 59 fat calves at market rates and 150 fat pigs at current rates.

Maiden Brothers sold close on 600 pigs during the past week, which comprised some very prime descriptions, also several lots of calves.

Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, sold 52 fat calves from 24s 6d to 31s; and several lines of fat pigs during the week at full current rates.

Messrs. William Inglis and Sons.—Milch cows: The supply this week was a heavy one, and those forward comprised medium and good quality cows. The attendance of buyers was large, and all sold readily at satisfactory prices. Best made from £9 15s to £11 10s, good £6 10s to £8, medium £5 to £6, inferior £3 to £4. We sold 74 at the above quotations, averaging £6 8s. Calves: We sold 85 from Camden (small and young) at 6s to 12s 6d; 15 from Liverpool at 8s 6d to 10s 6d; 25 from Oberon at 11s 3d to 12s 3d; 15 from Riverstone at 9s to 22s; 15 from Tarana at 11s 6d to 19s; 20 from Footy Hill at 7s 3d to 26s; 45 for various owners in small lots from 7s 6d to 35s 6d. Pigs: We sold 115 from Goulburn at 12s to 30s; 80 from Picton at 1s 3d to 48s 6d; 90 from Appin at 14s to 17s 0d; 50 from Camden at 9s to 50s; 20 from Bandon Grove at 20s to 51 6d; 30 from Ingleburn at 11s to 42s 6d; 40 from Burragorang at 7s to 25s 6d; 42 from Camden at 11s 3d to 28s 6d; 20 from Douglas Park at 13s to 28s; 57 for suburban owners at 18s to 47s 6d; 35 suckers at 4s 3d to 8s; also 56 stores from 6s 9d to 13s 3d.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co. sold 85 fat calves to 53s and 400 fat pigs to 53s 6d.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co. sold about 400 pigs to £2 14s, and 99 calves to 51s.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry sold 25 fat calves to 36s.

Messrs. George Wells and Matthews sold 320 pigs during week at full rates.

ROBERT LITTLE AND CO.—Hay, Chaff, and Produce Auctions at Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY of NEW SOUTH WALES, Limited, Sussex and Liverpool streets, Sydney. Manufacturers Choicest Creamery Butter, Live Stock and Produce Auctioneers. Sales daily at Redfern; City Live Stock Yards, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. Warehouse, 343-345 Sussex-street.—Advt.

Berrima District Farm and Dairy Co., Ld., Harris-street Sydney: Robertson, Mittagong; and North Coast Co-operative Co.'s Prime Creamery Butter, fresh daily; Bacon, A in circle brand; Cheese, Eggs, &c., &c., for sale.—Advt.

Foley Brothers, Limited, Sussex-st.—Creamery Butter, Waratah, Crookwell, Candelo, Central, Kameruka, cheese.—Advt.

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OUTSIDE SALES.

Joseph Leeds and Co. report having sold direct and with other agents—4600 wethers for Mrs. H. Campbell, Ecna Weena; 3300 ewes for G. M'Haffie, Kulkine; 6300 wethers for A. Burcher, Bourke; 1000 wethers for Mrs. H. Campbell, Ecna Weena; 1500 ewes, G. M'Haffie, Kulkine; 1500 wethers for H. V. Egan, Mount Harris; 7000 ewes for J. Rutherford, Burrenbilla, Q.; 1400 ewes for T. Egan, Mount Harris; 4000 fat wethers for Messrs. M'Master Brothers, Rockgidgiel; 2500 fat wethers for D. M'Master, Dundella; 1088 bullocks and cows for Dalton station, Windorah; 1200 bullocks for Darling Downs and Western Land Company, Limited, Cook; 1200 cows for Darling Downs and Western Land Company, Limited, Cook; 180 bullocks for J. E. Moore, Ellensville; 900 bullocks and cows for Dalton station, Windorah; 600 bullocks for J. Scanlon, Springfield; 120 fat cattle for D. M'Master, Cooleh.

HAIR, HORNS AND BONES.

The Sydney Woolselling Brokers' Association (Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Wyly, Trenchard, and Co., and J. C. Young and Co.) report:—

Tallow.—The market yesterday was easier, the recent rise to freights and the unsatisfactory news of the London market combining to have a weakening effect. Shipping parcels were neglected, and trade lots were almost exclusively dealt in, withdrawals were frequent, and the market showed a decline of about 10s per ton. Quotations: Prime mutton (nominal) to £22 10s per ton; good mutton to £22; prime beef, £21 7s 6d to £21 10s; good beef, £21 to £21 5s; medium beef, £20 10s to £20 17s 6d; prime mixed, £21 5s to £21 10s; good mixed, £20 17s 6d to £21 2s 6d; medium mixed, £20 5s to £20 15s; broken packages, £18 to £19; inferior from £15.

Hides.—Moderate-sized catalogues were submitted at yesterday's auctions. Sales dragged somewhat and an easier tendency was noticed throughout, especially noticeable on heavy weights. Quotations: Queensland and New South Wales meatworks hides—Superior and good heavy, 56lb. and upwards, 5¼d to 5¾d per lb.; ticky 4½d to 5d; medium, 46lb. to 52lb., 4¾d to 5¼d, ticky 4½d to 4¾d; light, 36lb. to 44lb., 4½d to 4¾d, ticky 4¼d to 4½d. Queensland butchers' hides—Heavy, 60lb. and upwards, 4½d to 5d, ticky 4½d to 4¾d; medium, 48lb. to 56lb., 4½d to 4¾d, ticky 4¼d to 4½d; light, 36lb. to 46lb., 4½d to 4¾d, ticky 4d to 4¼d. New South Wales butchers' hides—Extra heavy, 70lb. and upwards, 4½d to 4¾d; heavy, 60lb. to 68lb., 4½d to 4¾d; medium, 48lb. to 56lb., 4½d to 4¾d; light, 28lb. to 40lb., 4½d to 4¾d; inferior and faulty, 3d to 3¾d; dry station, 4½d to 5½d; yearlings, large, 5s 6d to 8s 6d each; yearlings, small, 3s to 5s; calfskins, 6d to 2s 9d; horsehides, 3s to 11s.

Owing to the lateness of the hour to which sales extended John Bridge and Co., Limited, Wyly, Trenchard, and Co., and Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, were unable to hold an auction sale.

MAITLAND FAT STOCK SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

There was a large attendance of buyers at the fat stock sales held at Campbell's Hill to-day. In the cattle section a fairly large supply was forward, ranging in quality from medium to prime. Competition was active, and values were in advance of last Monday's rates. Best bullocks made £6 5s to £7 10s, good £5 2s to £5 10s, light and medium £4 to £4 12s; cows, best £5 to £5 12s, good £4 2s to £4 10s; others £2 12s to £3 18s; calves, best made 28s 6d to 33s, good 21s to 25s, others 10s to 19s. Fat sheep had an exceptionally large supply penned, and the quality and condition of consignments were better than for weeks past. The demand was active, and values were firm at last day's rates. Extra prime crossbred wethers made 12s, good 9s 6d to 10s 6d, medium 8s to 9s; ewes, extra prime, 12s 6d, good 8s 6d to 8s 10d; merino wethers, best 9s to 9s 6d, good 8s to 8s 6d; ewes, 5s to 6s; lambs, best 7s to 7s 6d, others from 4s 3d to 6s 6d. Fat and store pigs had a small supply forward, and the competition was particularly brisk, and values for prime baconers and porkers were firmer. Baconers made from 24s 6d to 41s; porkers, 10s to 24s 6d; stores and slips, 4s 6d to 9s 3d.

HUNTER RIVER PRODUCE SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the sales yesterday butter sold at 10½d to 1s 2d lb.; eggs, 1s to 1s 2d doz.; cheese, 5d to 4½d lb.; bacon, 5d to 6d lb.; hams, 6d to 7½d lb.; lard, 3d to 3½d lb.; honey, 2d to 2½d lb.; lucerne seed 5d to 5½d lb.; sorghum seed, 1½d to 2d lb.; potatoes, [illegible] to [illegible] cwt.; cabbages, 4d to 8s 6d doz.; peas, 1s 3d to 1s 7d; pork, beans, 1s to [illegible]; pumpkins, 1s 6d to 2s 6d doz.; gramma, 2s 6d to [illegible] doz.; marrows, 1s to 2s 6d doz.; cucumbers, 3s to 5s; [illegible]; lemons, 4d to 7½d doz.; apples, [illegible]; grapes, 1½d to [illegible] lb.; lucerne hay, £3 [illegible]; maize, [illegible]; fowls, 1s to 2s 6d pair; ducks, 1s 9d to [illegible]; geese, [illegible] pair; turkeys, 4s to 13s pair; pigeons, 7s to 1s 4d pair.

MAITLAND HIDE AND SKIN SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the weekly sales yesterday best heavy hides made from 21s 6d to 25s; good, 18s 6d to 20s 3d; medium, 16s 6d to 17s; light and inferior, from 7s 9d to 12s 6d; yearlings, 6s 6d to 8s 6d; calfskins, 6d to 2s 6d. Sheepskin: Few extra prime made to 5s 6d. Prime, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; good, 2s 9d to 3s 3d; medium, 2s to 2s 6d; inferior, 9d to 1s 3d. Tallow, £18 to £18 10s ton.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

After the noon meeting of the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday business was suspended for the holidays, the Exchange adjourning until Wednesday next. At the two meetings there was a less extent of business than at the corresponding meetings on the previous day. Coal and copper mining shares were without any material alteration in values. Amongst silver stocks British Broken Hill, Mount Lyell, and North Mount Lyell evidenced a better tone. Local gold ventures were quiet, the only sale being Occidental at 7s, and at the close this company, together with Turon River Gold-dredging, and Dromedary, was somewhat firmer. Victorian lines were neglected. Smithfield and Golden Pile, a Queensland stock, realised improved rates. The market for Western Australian companies was generally weaker, though there were sales at better prices of Great Boulder Proprietary, Great Boulder Perseverance, Hannan's Oroya, and Hannan's Block 45. Ivanhoe South Extended had a fall, and Kalgurli Gold Mines sold somewhat lower. As compared with the closing quotations on Wednesday, Associated Gold Mines, Brown Hill Central, Ivanhoe South Extended, Kalgurli Gold Mines, and Lake View Consols were all weaker. On the other hand improvement was manifested in Hannan's Block 45, Hannan's Oroya, Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, and Kalgoorlie Mint and Iron King.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	...	30/
Stockton	4	4 2
Vale of Clydd	5 4	6/
Wallsend	21 10/	22 10
Wickham and Bullock Island	7 6	8
Ditto, new	3 6	4 6
Ditto, preferential, £2 paid	25	—
COPPER.		
Cobar Chesney	4	—
Ditto, con.	2/	—
Girilambone	7 6	8/
Girilambone "A"	3 6	3 11
Great Cobar	82	—
Lake George Mines	8 7	9
Nutta Nymagee	7½d	11d
SILVER.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
British Broken Hill	8 6	—
Ditto, new	6 6	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	42/	43 6
Block 10	53	55/
Block 14	18	—
North Broken	7 6	—
North Central	4½d	5d
Overflow	1/9	2/3
Ditto, con.	1/3	2/
TASMANIA.		
Mount Black Proprietary, paid	—	7 6
Mount Lyell	8 9	8 5
North Mount Lyell	60/	61/
GOLD.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
Baker's Creek	5 6	6 1
Baker's Creek Consols	2 5	—
Dromedary	3 10	—
Falkner's	1 9	2
Mount David, paid	5 4	5 6
Occidental	6 11	7
Peak Hill, pd.	2 3	2 10
Turon River Dredging	27/	—
Ditto, con.	2/	—
Emu Bight	—	4 6
Victory Forest Reefs	1	—
VICTORIA.		
Hustler's Ltd., No. 1	9/	—
Long Tunnel North	—	25

	Buyer.	Seller.
New Birthday	7	—
QUEENSLAND.		
Brilliant Central	16 6	17
Day Dawn Oriental and Glanmire	—	9d
Mt. Morgan	5 7	5 11
Nth. Oriental and Glanmire, con.	—	1/3
No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire	12 6	—
No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire	3 4	3 7
No. 1 North Caledonian Extended	—	1 6
Ditto, con.	5d	8d
No. 1 South Victory	5 6	6 8
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	—	16/
South Great Eastern No. 2	30/	32 6
Victoria G.M. Association	6 1	6 6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	6 7 6	6 8 6
Brown Hill Central	1/	1 6
Chaffer's	8 4	9 6
Great Boulder	25/10½	26/
Ditto Main Reef	32/	36/
Gt. Boulder Perseverance	5/12/	5/17/
Hannan's Block 45	7 3	7 4½
Hannan's Oroya	32 9	33 3
Ivanhoe	9 5/	9 7/
Ivanhoe Sth. Extended	18 6	19 3
Ivanhoe Junction	—	1 3
Kalgoorlie Mint	6 9	—
Kalgurli	7 15/	7/16 6
Kalgurli South	55/	58/
Lake View Consols	12 0/	12 10
Lake View South, paid	24 3	25/
Queensland Menzies	13 6	14 6
Ditto, con.	12/	13 6
Queen Margaret	—	13

The following sales were reported:—Before 'Change—Coal: Wickham and Bullock Island, 7s 9d. Morning—Copper: Lake George Mines, 8s 8d, 8s 9d. Gold: Smithfield and Golden Pile, 14s 6d, 14s 9d, 14s 10½d; Central Boulder (London delivery, 25s 6d), 25s 6d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 25s 10d; Great Boulder Perseverance, £5 17s; Hannan's Oroya, 31s 6d, 32s 3d; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £9 8s. Noon—Gold: Occidental, 7s; Associated Gold Mines, £6 9s, £6 8s; Great Boulder Proprietary, 26s; Hannan's Block 45, 7s 2d, 7s 3d; Hannan's Oroya, 33s; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation £9 7s; Ivanhoe South Extended, 19s; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £7 16s.

After the last meeting of the Exchange Ivanhoe South Extended sold at 18s, 19s.

Messrs. Leonard Dodds and Co. report the sale of 95 tons 50wt. of Great Cobar copper at £65 5s per ton for the copper, and the usual price for gold and silver contents. A cablegram received from London quoted Chili copper bars at £69 5s per ton at three months.

We have been requested to state that the writ issued against Mr. Randolph Bedford at the instance of the Chillagoe Copper Estates Company, claiming an interest in the Mount Garnet South mine, has been withdrawn and the action abandoned.

As announced by advertisement, the sixth half-yearly general meeting of Hannan's Pride of the Valley Gold-mining Company, No Liability, which had been called for yesterday afternoon, was adjourned until Thursday, the 13th April, in consequence of the non-arrival of the half-yearly report from the company's mine manager.

The Australian Gold Dredging Company, Limited, announces the flotation of the Araluen Proprietary Gold Dredging Company, No Liability, the prospectus of which was published in yesterday's "Herald," applications having been received for the 17,000 shares offered for subscription.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

There were no sales on the Queensland Stock Exchange to-day.

Brisbane Stock Exchange sales were:—Victoria Gold-mining Association, 6s 6d; Mount Morgan, £5 10s; East Minerva, contributing, 3½d; Raff's Great Western, contributing, 10d.

Owing to the holidays the Exchanges have closed until Tuesday, April 4.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Bonnie Dundee, 1s 6d, 1s 8d; Brilliant Freehold, contributing, 1s 3d, ditto, paid, 1s 10d; Charters Towers Pyrites, 7s 4d; Marshall's Queen, contributing, 1s 5½d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 5s 6d, ditto, paid, 6s 1d; Victoria Gold-mining Association, 6s 2d, 6s 1d.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports:—The Phœnix Golden Pile has declared a dividend of 9d per share, payable on April 6.

The Stock Exchange is closed till Tuesday, April 4, for the Easter holidays.

HOBART, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Colebrook, buyer 3s 10d; Hercules, buyer 24s 3d, seller 25s 6d; Hercules Consols, seller 3d; South Hercules, buyer 1s 7½d, seller 1s 10d; Mount Black, buyer 6s 6d, seller 6s 10d; Lyell Blocks, buyer 12s 7½d, seller 13s 3d; Mount Lyell Reserve, buyer 3s 3d, seller 4s 3d; Glen Lyell, buyer 6d, seller 11d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 25s 6d; Great Southern Lyell, buyer 1s; Mount Reid, buyer 50s, seller 53s.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The Lake View South winze at the 300ft. level is still going down in good grade ore. The lode is 3ft. thick, and bulks over 5oz. gold to the ton.

The Central and West Boulder clean-up is now being made. The output is highly satisfactory, between 1300oz. and 1400oz. of smelted gold. The official announcement will be made in a few days.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—New Pinafore, seller 4s 3d; Tasmania, seller £5 7s; ditto North, buyer 7s, seller 8s; Broken Hill Proprietary, buyer 40s; Mount Reid, seller 55s; Magnet, buyer 50s; Berry Consols, buyer 2s 5d, seller 2s 7d; Colebrook, buyer 3s 9d, seller 4s; Lady Dora, buyer 2s 6d; Hercules, buyer 24s 3d, seller 26s; Ladas, buyer 10s, seller 12s 6d; Central Lyell, buyer 1s 9d, seller 2s 3d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 25s 6d; Crown Lyell, buyer 14s, seller 16s 6d; North Lyell, buyer 54s; Mount Lyell Reserve, buyer 3s 3d, seller 3s 6d; Mount Black, buyer 6d; Red Hills, buyer 6s 2d, seller 6s 7d; Mount Black No. 1, buyer 1s 2d, seller 1s 4d; Great Southern Lyell, buyer 1s, seller 1s 3d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £32, seller £32 15s.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Among mining companies to-day B.H. Block 10 sold at 54s 6d; B.H. Proprietary, 41s, 42s 6d; B.H. South, paid, 15s 9d; North Broken, 7s 10d; Crown Lyell, 13s, 14s 9d; ditto, paid, 14s, 15s 4½d; Colonel North, 6d; Glen Lyell, 7½d, 8d; Great Southern Lyell, 1s 2d; Hercules, 24s 9d; Lyell Tharsis, 26s; Mount Lyell, £8, £8 1s; Mount Lyell Block, 12s 6d, 12s 9d; Mount Lyell Peaks, 1s; North Crown Lyell, 1s 2d, 1s 5d; ditto, paid, 2s 2d, 2s 6d; North Lyell Consols, 4s 9d; North Tasmania, 7s 9d, 8s; Queen Lyell, 1s 4d, 1s 4½d; ditto, paid, 3s 1d; Royal Tharsis, 1s 6d, 1s 7d; South Hercules, 1s 6d; Tasman Lyell, 80s; Western Tharsis, 1s 5d, 1s 6d; Lake George Mines, 9s; Prince Alfred, 20s; Briseis, 30s; Brothers Home No. 1, 4s 6d, 4s 7d; Associated Gold Mines, £6 6s 6d; Berry Consols, 33s; Campbell's Creek, 10s; Duke United, 4s; Gippsland Boulder, 29s, 31s; Great South Long Tunnel, 2s 1d, 2s 4d; Great Boulder, 25s 9d; Glenfine Estate, 13s 9d; Glenfine South, 6s 9d, 7s 6d; Long Tunnel North, 22s 6d; Lord Nelson North, paid, 4s 1d; M'Evoy, 5s 3d; M'Caul's Reward, 3s, 2s 10d; Mount Mercer, 4s 3d; M'Duff, 48s; M'Gregor's, 6s 6d; New Chum Railway, 19s; South German Extended, 5s; South New Moon, 20s 6d; Spring Gully, 63s; South Loch Fyne, 11d; South Kalgurli, 55s, 57s; Southern and Prentice, 5s 3d; Victor's Quartz, 22s.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, 42s 6d, buyer 42s, seller 43s; Junction North, 7s 6d; B. H. South, paid, 16s 6d, buyer 16s 4½d; Associated Gold Mines, £6 8s, £6 7s 6d, buyer £6 7s, seller £6 7s 6d; Hannan's Block 45, 6s 11d, 7s 6d, 7s 4d, 7s 10d, buyer 7s 9d, seller 7s 11d; Bonnie Charlie, 3d; Boulder Consols No. 1, 6d, 5½d, 6½d, buyer 6d, seller 7d; Boulder Half-mile South, 1s 2d, 1s 5½d, buyer 1s 5d, seller 1s 6d; Brookman's Boulder, 9s, buyer 9s; Boulder North Extended, 10½d, seller 11d; Central Boulder, 22s, 21s 3d, 21s 6d, 21s, buyer 20s 9d, seller 21s 3d; Chaffer's, 9s, buyer 8s 9d, seller 9s; Great Boulder, 26s 3d, 26s, 26s 4½d, 25s 3d, buyer 25s 10½d, seller 26s; Boulder Perseverance, £5 13s, £5 13s 6d, buyer £5 13s, seller £5 13s 6d; Hannan's Oroya, 32s 3d, 33s 10½d, 33s 9d, 34s 3d, 33s 6d, 34s 9d, buyer 34s 9d, seller 34s; Imperial Boulder, 5½d, 6d; Ivanhoe, £9 5s, £9 4s, buyer £9 4s, seller £9 5s; Ivanhoe South Extended, 20s, 18s 6d, 19s 3d, 19s; Ivanhoe Junction, 1s, 1s 1d, buyer 1s, seller 1s 2d; Kalgoorlie Mint, 6s 2d, 6s 8d, 6s 9d, buyer 6s 8d, seller 6s 10d; Kalgurli Gold Mines, £7 15s 6d, £7 16s 6d, buyer £7 16s 6d, seller £7 17s 6d; Kirkpatrick Consolidated, 8½d, buyer 8d, seller 9d; Lady Mary, 14s, buyer 13s 9d, seller 14s 3d; Lady Mary South, 2s 3d, 2s 5d, 2s 5d, buyer 2s 5d, seller 2s 6d; Lake View Extended, 5s, seller 5s 3d; Lake View South, paid, 24s 9d, 25s 4½d, 25s, buyer 24s 10½d, seller 25s; North Kalgurli, 16s; Premier, 14s, buyer 13s 9d, seller 14s 3d; Queen Margaret, 11s 9d, buyer 11s 3d, seller 12s; Queen Margaret South, 1s 2d, buyer 1s 1d, seller 1s 3d; Reefer's Eureka, contributing, 2s 6d, 2s 7d, buyer 2s 6d, seller 2s 8d; South Kalgurli, 55s 6d, 59s, buyer 58s 9d, seller 59s 6d; White Feather Main Reef, 19s 6d, seller 19s 6d; Arrow Investment, 2s 11d, seller 2s 11d.

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DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Glenfine Estate, Pitfield, March 30, 6d.

Brilliant G.M. Company, C.T., April 1, 6d.

Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Tasmania, April 5, 2s 6d.

Queen of the Plains, Pitfield, April 6, 6d.

Phœnix Golden Pile, Gympie, April 6, 9d.

Black Horse United, Ballarat, April 7, 1s 6d.

Union, Pitfield Plains, April 12, 6d.

B.H. Proprietary Company, April 19, 1s.

Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, Kalgoorlie, April 20, 5s.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Baker's Creek Company, Hillgrove, 536 tons, 498oz. 6dwt.

Baker's Creek Consols, Hillgrove, 134 tons, 126oz. 17dwt.

West Sunlight Mine, Hillgrove, 160 tons (including 15oz. in concentrates), 91oz. 16dwt.

AMUSEMENTS.

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERTS.

The most important of the Good Friday concerts will undoubtedly be that given by the Philharmonic Society at the Town Hall to-night. Signor Hazon will conduct this fine choir and orchestra in Rossini's "Stabat Mater." Mr. Rivers Allpress leading the band, with Mr. J. Edward Sykes as organist. The soloists will be Mme. Emily Spada, Miss K. Rooney, Mr. Philip Newbury, and Mr. Hallewell. All these artists will appear in the short sacred programme of the second part, which will consist of the most popular numbers from the "Hymn of Praise," of two sacred songs apart from that work, and of Ceruzzo's "Evening Prayer" for strings, organ, and piano.

At the Paddington Town Hall M. Leon Caron will conduct a concert to-night in which the special feature will be the rendering of Mercadante's famous Mass for male voices, for which a body of specially competent singers has been secured. Mme. Caron will render an "Ave Maria" (Caron), and there will be contributions by Mrs. Rowley, Misses Campion, Watson, Carr (recitation), Messrs. Stannis Leslie, E. S. Sullivan, Fred. England, and the Elite Double Quartette.

A concert will be given at the Palace Theatre to-night under Mr. Raymond Webbe's management. Miss Maud FitzStubbs's pianoforte solo will be a paraphrase on a "Requiem Mass." Miss Marie St. Clair will sing the "Evening Prayer" from "Eli," Mr. Edward Farley will be heard in the "Pro Peccatis," and Mr. A. Travers will render "If With All Your Hearts." These artists will also join in a ballad programme. Miss K. Mascott will sing and Miss B. Mascott will recite.

There will be a special programme at the Tivoli to-night when Mr. Harry Rickards will sing "The Road to Rum" and Miss Nita Clarke will be heard in "Love's Sweet Song." The Keenan Brothers will contribute "Glory in My Soul;" and Miss Lottie Moore ("The Lullaby"), Mr. Albert Bellman (sacred song, "The Volunteer Organist"), Mr. James Shields, Messrs. Wallace King and Howard Chambers ("The Moon Hath Raised"), and other members of the company will assist.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

There was an excellent attendance at the City Organist's holiday recital at the Town Hall last night. The programme consisted of favourite pieces, the most conspicuous of which was the ever-popular "Storm Idylle," which was applauded with enthusiasm. M. Wiegand also rendered the "Marche aux Flambeaux" (Meyerbeer), the "Harmonious Blacksmith," an operatic fantasia on "Norma," and other pieces. The City Organist will play again next Thursday evening.

M. LEON CARON'S CONCERT.

M. Leon Caron will conduct a sacred concert to-night at the Paddington Town Hall, Mercadante's grand mass for male voices will be rendered. Mme. Caron will sing an "Ave Maria" by Leon Caron. There will be contributions by Miss Campion, Mrs. Rowley, Miss Watson, Miss Carr (recitation), Mr. Stannis Leslie, Mr. E. S. Sullivan, Mr. Fred. England, and the Elite Double Quartet.

It seems rather odd (says the "Church Gazette") that a Breton bride rather likes to have a wet wedding. It is held to signify that all her tears are now shed, and that she will, therefore, have a happy married life. I know of no similar belief in the British Isles. The Erza of Simbirsk call the day before the wedding the weeping day, and the bride and her girl friends weep all they can, with the idea, it would seem, of getting the mourning of life over, so that only joy may remain. The Badagas of the Neilgherries attain the same end by sousing the bride with water. Some Greek tribes have a similar belief in the virtue of a drenching bringing good fortune.

The Dogs and the Tiger.—An interesting story for the young folks by "Flamingo" in this week's Sydney Mail.—Advt.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from Page 4.)

Custom-house.—Entered outwards: March 30, Braesdale, ship, 2015 tons, Captain Youlden, for West Coast South America, via Newcastle; Allinga, s., 2242 tons, Captain D. P. Davies, for Brisbane; Moravian, s., 2465 tons, Captain E. Phillips, for Auckland; Hawkes Bay, s., 4583 tons, Captain W. Fishwick, for Auckland; Koramo, barquentine, 544 tons, Captain Kurtze, for Jaluit, Marshall Islands.

Captain Walker reports that the steamer Allowrie left Eden at 8 a.m. on the 29th instant, calling at the intermediate ports, and arriving in Sydney at noon on the 30th. Experienced fresh N. winds and sea, with fine weather.

Captain D. Davies, of the Allinga, reports having left Cairns on the 22nd, Townsville on the 24th, Mackay on the 25th, Rockhampton on the 26th, and Brisbane on the 28th at 11 a.m. Rounded Cape Moreton at 3 p.m., passed South Solitary at 6.10 a.m. on the 29th, Port Stephens at 7.25 p.m. same day, entered Sydney Heads at 2.15 a.m. on the 30th, and subsequently made fast to company's wharf at 3 a.m., having accomplished the trip in 40 hours from wharf to wharf. Experienced S.E. winds to Tacking Point, thence S.W. to arrival and smooth sea.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Ophir left Colombo on March 27 at 7 p.m., outwards.

The R.M.S. Austral, from London, is due this morning at 10 o'clock at the Circular Quay.

The French mail steamer Armand Behic cleared Port Phillip at 6.30 p.m. yesterday for Sydney, and is due to-morrow morning at Circular Quay.

PASSENGERS BY THE AUSTRALIAN.

In a neatly printed passenger card, the managing agents of the E. and A. Company, Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., note the following names by the Australian, which yesterday left for China and Japan:—Mr. T. W. Allen, Miss B. Alsop, Miss Bavin, Mr. R. W. Bernard, Mr. F. J. Birch, Miss K. M. L. Birch, Miss E. G. L. Birch, Miss Booth, Miss E. C. Borwick, Captain J. Bradshaw, Mr. E. Exon, Mr. W. D. Gordon, Mr. Gould, Mr. H. R. Hearson, Mrs. H. R. Hearson, Mrs. W. J. Henderson, Mr. R. W. Hill, Mr. A. G. Kennedy, Mr. R. E. Lewis, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, Mr. J. J. Lorson, Mr. J. J. Mackinnon, Miss Mackinnon, Miss Marsh, Mr. F. Murison, Mr. G. Robertson, Mr. R. R. Rundle, Mr. W. J. Rundle, Mr. J. C. Ryrie Mr. V. J. Scantlebury, Mr. V. L. Solomon, M.P., Mrs. W. H. Spake, Mr. Steele, Mrs. W. R. Swan, Miss Swan and maid, Hon. J. S. Turner, M.L.C., Mr. Turner, Mr. T. A. Walham, Mr. H. Warren, Mr. Rigby Wason, Mrs. E. Wason, Miss Wason, Mr. Watson, Mr. F. Coxon, Mr. W. M. Rees, Mr. R. Moodie.

THE E. AND A. LINE.

Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. note movements as under:—

The Airlie sailed from Port Darwin March 29, en route from Japan to Sydney. The Airlie sails from Sydney for China and Japan on April 29.

The Australian sailed from Sydney on March 30 for Hongkong and Japan, via Queensland ports, Port Darwin, and Timor.

The Menmuir sails from Hongkong for Australian ports on April 2.

The Eastern is to leave Cardiff for a China port on or about April 12.

The Guthrie sailed from Port Darwin on March 24 for Manila, thence to Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan.

THE UNION LINE.

The Hawea left the Bluff for Sydney last evening; due on Tuesday next.

The Tekapo left Wellington yesterday for Sydney, via Eden; due to-morrow.

The Talune leaves Wellington to-morrow afternoon for Sydney; due Thursday next.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

AT SYDNEY.

Brilliant, ship (RBKC), from London—87 days.

Forrest, ship (JSPV), from Port Blakeley—59 days.

Helen Denny, barque (HMTD), from Melbourne—7 days.

Kaybe, barque (TPBM), from Liverpool—91 days.

Louisiana, ship (JNMT), from Moodyville—60 days.

AT NEWCASTLE.

Gio Batta Beverino, barque (PMED), from Adelaide—16 days.

Howth, four-masted barque, from Fremantle—12 days.

Lodore, barque, from Adelaide—10 days.

Regent Murray, barque (TTKC), from Adelaide—10 days.

Wildwood, barque (TNPR), from Manila—51 days.

A PILOT STEAMER FOR MELBOURNE.

The work of constructing the new pilot steamer for Port Phillip will soon be begun. The port has long been served by pilot schooners, which on the whole have done good service, but have long been recognised as behind the times for a port of the pretensions of second shipping port in Australia. The vessel is to cost about £17,000, at least that is the amount of the Government advance, which the pilots have to repay with interest. The Commissioner of Customs was asked by a deputation whether in the event of a local contractor obtaining the contract for the vessel the machinery and fittings would be allowed to come in duty free if imported. Mr. Best assured the deputation that in all cases where any article of machinery was imported the full duty would be imposed. No exception could be made in this case.

ARRIVALS AT FOREIGN PORTS.

The barque Cara arrived at Acapulco on January 28 from Newcastle, which port she left on November 2.

The barque Ainsdree arrived at Carrizal on January 19, after a passage of 58 days from Newcastle, having left the latter port on November 27.

The barque Firth of Tay, which left Newcastle on December 19 for Valparaiso, arrived at her destination on February 15.

At Caleta Buena.—Tweedsdale, four-masted barque (February 9), Newcastle December 19.

At Carrizal.—Armida, ship (January 20), Newcastle December 2; King Alfred, barque (January 20), Newcastle October 9; Wychwood, barque (January 10), Newcastle November 12.

At Dunkirk.—Loch Katrine, ship (March 21), Melbourne November 27.

At East London.—H. W. Palmer, barquentine (February 1), Hobart December 2.

At Guayaquil.—Valparaiso, barque (December 15), Newcastle October 1.

At Mauritius.—Aberfoyle, ship (January 30), Newcastle November 15; C. J. S., barque (February 2), Melbourne January 9; Glenbervie, barque (January 17), Newcastle November 3; Ione, barque (January 31), Sydney December 20.

At New Britain.—Augusta, barque (February 27), Westport January 25.

Port Elizabeth.—Lyna, barque (February 15), Hobart October 24.

At San Francisco.—Centesima, four-masted barque (February 19), Newcastle November 29; General Roberts, four-masted barque (February 16), Newcastle December 8; Leicester Castle, ship (February 11), Newcastle November 17; Undaunted, barque (February 3), Sydney November 11.

At Tal Tal.—Miltiades, ship (January 2), Newcastle November 5.

At Talcahuano.—Bannockburn, four-masted barque (December 26), Newcastle November 8.

At Tocopilla.—Tyrone, barque (January 23), Newcastle November 9; Maxwell, ship (February 3), Newcastle December 11.

At Valparaiso.—Airlie, ship (January 24), Newcastle December 14; Doris, barque (January 18), Newcastle November 29; Dunkeld, barque (January 27), Newcastle December 11; Eskasoni, ship (February 15), Newcastle December 24; Glenmora, four-masted barque (February 10), Newcastle December 24; Largo Law, ship (January 10), Newcastle November 22; Metewan, barque (December 10), Newcastle November 2; Strathearn, ship (January 24), Newcastle December 8; Westward Ho, barque (January 3), Newcastle November 14.

SURVEY OF THE TASMANIAN COAST.

H.M.S. Dart is to make a survey of the west coast of Tasmania before returning to Queensland. She is at present at Hobart. In pursuance of instructions the Dart will spend about six weeks round Port Davey (Tas.) in triangulation work, and in marking the principal hill tops. With regard to a survey of the West Coast generally, Captain Parry states that the Imperial Government have no vessel fitted for such work. It does not follow, however, that the Admiralty will not authorise the survey as soon as circumstances permit. It is known that the Union Steamship Company will push its trade still further in Tasmania, contingent on certain necessary harbour improvements being effected on different parts of the coast.

IN THE ANTARCTIC.

On the 16th instant the Southern Cross reached Dunedin from the Antarctic. The Antarctic expedition was promoted by Sir George Newnes, and the command was given to Captain C. E. Borchgrevinck. Eight days after leaving Hobart the Southern Cross reached the ice, and experienced considerable difficulty in forcing her way through. She reached South Victoria Land 42 days after her departure from Hobart. The members of the expedition, 10 in number, were landed at Cape Adare. The reticence of Captain Jensen, the commander of the vessel, is due to the terms of the contract between Sir George Newnes and the leaders of the expedition, and all he will say is that they had a terrible time of it in the ice. He says he left Captain Borchgrevinck and party on March 1, at which time they were all in good health. He had a good run up, accomplishing the journey in 15 days. After taking in supplies, &c., the steamer will return to the South Polar regions. To the south and west of Cape Adare the coast of Victoria Land rises from dark, bare rocks up to peaks of perpetual ice and snow, 12,000ft. above sea level. To Sir James Ross belongs the honour of having gained the highest southern position yet reached by man—viz., 78deg. 3min. south and 162deg. west, on February 23, 1842—roughly speaking, some 230 miles further south than Kristensen's extreme limit in 1895, 53 years later.

There are at the present time two expeditions in the Antarctic. One of these was despatched from Belgium in 1897 under Lieutenant de Gerlache, and it is believed that the steamer Belgica, which conveyed the explorers, is blocked in ice floes at Graham's Land in the Antarctic Ocean, almost due south of Cape Horn. The other is that by the Southern Cross.

The Construction of a Mammoth Circus.—An interesting illustrated article by Sylvan in this week's Sydney Mail.—Advt.

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Mr. J. Readford...	April 2	Mr. G. B. Dunn's, Doncaster-avenue, Kensington
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Mr. R. C. Allen ...	March 30	Mr. J. Monaghan's, Randwick
Bensley Stud ...	April 2	A.J.C. Hotel, Randwick
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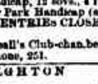
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